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**[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION
ON TUESDAY JANUARY 14, 2014 ON PAGE 151]**

SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE'RE GOING THE
BEGIN THE MEETING. IF YOU PLEASE RISE WE'LL BE LED IN OUR
INVOCATION THIS MORNING BY THE REVEREND GEORGE NIX, SENIOR
PASTOR, LIVING WATER FOURSQUARE'S CHURCH IN COVINA, FOLLOWED
BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY KAREN WEAVER, ADVANCE/WOMEN
WITH CHILDREN PROGRAM, CASE MANAGER FOR THE U.S. VETS.

REVEREND NIX?

REV. GEORGE NIX: THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. LET US PRAY. OUR
FATHER IN HEAVEN, WE BEGIN TODAY BY HONORING YOUR NAME. MAY
EVERYTHING THAT IS DONE AND SAID IN THIS PLACE BRING HONOR TO
YOU AND TO YOUR NAME THAT IS ABOVE ALL NAMES. LORD, I'M
REMINDING THAT THE BOOK OF PROVERBS SAYS "BY THE BLESSING OF
THE UPRIGHT THE CITY IS EXALTED, BUT IT IS OVERTHROWN BY THE
MOUTH OF THE WICKED." SO, LORD, WE SPEAK BLESSING OVER THE
CITY OF LOS ANGELES, WE BLESS THIS HOUSE, THIS BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS AND THEIR FAMILIES, WE BLESS ALL OF THESE PUBLIC
SERVANTS AND ADMINISTRATORS. MAY THEY EACH FIND YOUR BLESSINGS
AND GRACE. AND, LORD, YOUR WORD ALSO CALLS US TO PRAY AND
INTERCEDE AND GIVE THANKS FOR THOSE IN AUTHORITY OVER US. SO



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1 THIS MORNING, WE INTERCEDE ON BEHALF OF OUR LEADERS, THAT THEY
2 WOULD SERVE WITH JUSTICE AND TRUTH, AND THAT WE MIGHT LEAVE
3 PEACEFUL AND QUIET LIVES IN YOUR WILL. LORD, WE ALSO GIVE
4 THANKS AND PRAY FOR THOSE WHO PLACE THEIR LIVES IN HARM'S WAY
5 THAT WE MIGHT LIVE WITHOUT FEAR. LASTLY, LORD, WE INVOKE YOUR
6 SPIRIT OF TRUTH, YOUR SPIRIT OF WISDOM, YOUR SPIRIT OF
7 REVELATION, YOUR SPIRIT OF UNDERSTANDING AND GRACE UPON THIS
8 MEETING. IN YOUR HOLY NAME WE PRAY, AMEN.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AMEN.

11

12 **KAREN WEAVER:** PLEASE FACE THE FLAG. PUT YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER
13 YOUR HEART AND JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF
14 ALLEGIANCE RECITED.] THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MEMBERS OF THE
17 BOARD, IT'S MY PRIVILEGE TO PRESENT A CERTIFICATE OF
18 APPRECIATION TO KAREN WEAVER. KAREN LIVES IN SAN PEDRO AND
19 CURRENTLY WORKS FOR AN INCREDIBLE PROGRAM CALLED THE U.S.
20 VETS. SHE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY FROM 1970, '78,
21 '79, AS A SERGEANT WITH THE 185TH MEDICAL ATTACHMENT. SHE
22 RECEIVED AN ARMY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL AND ARMY SERVICE RIBBONS.
23 SHE ATTENDED CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL, CAL STATE LONG BEACH, AND
24 IS NOW WORKING FOR U.S. VETS AS A CASE MANAGER FOR THE WOMEN
25 AND CHILDREN'S PROGRAM. SHE IS A STRONG ADVOCATE FOR OUR



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1 HOMELESS VETERANS. SHE HAS ONE SON, AND ONE GRANDSON AND LIVED
2 IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT FOR OVER 10 YEARS. SO ON BEHALF OF THE
3 BOARD, WE'D LIKE TO TELL YOU, THANK YOU, KAREN, FOR LEADING US
4 IN THE PLEDGE AND MORE IMPORTANTLY THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE
5 TO OUR COUNTRY. [APPLAUSE.]

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, ONCE AGAIN TO RECOGNIZE PASTOR
8 GEORGE NIX WHO IS THE SENIOR PASTOR OF THE LIVING WATER
9 FOURSQUARE CHURCH IN COVINA. THIS WAS ESTABLISHED IN THE MID
10 1920S, NOT WHEN HE WAS THERE. [LAUGHTER.] BEFORE HE WAS BORN.
11 HE AND HIS WIFE HAVE SERVED THE CONGREGATION FOR EIGHT YEARS.
12 THIS IS A VERY UNIQUE MINISTRY TO ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTALLY
13 DISABLED ABILITIES, DISABILITIES. AND HE'S ALSO ORDAINED BY
14 THE INTERNATIONAL CHURCH OF THE FOURSQUARE GOSPEL. HE'S
15 INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY, VOLUNTEERS FOR SEVERAL COMMUNITY
16 ORGANIZATIONS AND IS A DIRECTOR FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE COVINA
17 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. SO, PASTOR NIX, THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]
18 THIS IS HIS WIFE, SUE, AS WELL.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** PROCEED WITH THE AGENDA, PLEASE.

21

22 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN AND
23 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WE'LL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 3,
24 AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
25 COMMISSION. ON ITEM NO. 1-D, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER



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1 OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON PAGE 4, AGENDA FOR THE
2 MEETING OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, ITEM 1-H. THAT ITEM IS
3 BEFORE YOU.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. THE
6 CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

7

8 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 5, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING
9 OF THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT. ON ITEMS 1-P AND
10 2-P. ON ITEM NO. 1-P, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS THAT
11 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED FOUR WEEKS.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

14

15 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 2-P, THAT ITEM IS
16 BEFORE YOU.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.
19 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
20 ORDERED.

21

22 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 6, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
23 ITEMS 1 THROUGH 10. ON ITEM NO. 1, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM
24 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 2, AS



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1 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS
2 REQUESTS THIS BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO JANUARY 28, 2014.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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6 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 3, AS INDICATED ON THE
7 POSTED AGENDA, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS
8 ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO JANUARY 28, 2014.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

11

12 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 4, THERE'S A REQUEST
13 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 5,
14 THIS INCLUDES THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION AS INDICATED ON THE
15 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, AND ON THIS ITEM THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A
16 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. ON ITEM NO. 6, THIS INCLUDES
17 THE REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM
18 NO. 7, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD
19 THIS ITEM. THE REMAINING ITEMS ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE
20 BEFORE YOU.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON THE REMAINDER, CHAIR WILL MOVE IT.
23 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 11, CONSENT CALENDAR, ON
2 ITEMS 11 THROUGH 27. ON ITEM NO. 11, AS INDICATED ON THE
3 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT
4 THIS ITEM BEING CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JANUARY 21, 2014.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

7

8 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 13, THERE'S A REQUEST
9 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 15,
10 SUPERVISOR KNABE AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS
11 ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 16, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND A
12 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM
13 NO. 17, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD
14 THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO.-- EXCUSE ME. ON ITEM NO. 18, SUPERVISOR
15 RIDLEY-THOMAS ABSTAINS FROM THE VOTE. AND ON THIS ITEM,
16 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THE
17 ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 19, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE
18 PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 21, THERE'S A REQUEST
19 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. AND THE
20 REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
23 YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT
24 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

25



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1 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 20, ORDINANCE FOR
2 INTRODUCTION, ITEM NO. 28. AND I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE IN
3 FOR THE RECORD. THIS IS AN ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING
4 TITLE 6, SALARIES, ADDING, DELETING AND/OR CHANGING CERTAIN
5 CLASSIFICATIONS AND NUMBERS OF ORDINANCE POSITIONS IN THE
6 DEPARTMENTS. ON THIS ITEM, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF
7 THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

10

11 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 21, DISCUSSION ITEMS,
12 ITEMS NO. 29 THROUGH 34. ON ITEM NO. 29, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
13 THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED THREE WEEKS TO
14 FEBRUARY 4TH, 2014.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

17

18 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 31, AS INDICATED ON
19 THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS
20 THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO JANUARY 28TH.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

23

24 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE
25 DISCUSSION ITEMS, WE WILL HOLD FOR A DISCUSSION. ON PAGE 26,



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1 NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION, ON ITEM NO. C.S.-3, C.S.-4 AND
2 C.S.-5, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD
3 THESE ITEMS. AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA.
4 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL
5 DISTRICT NO. 1.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DO YOU HAVE ANY
8 PRESENTATIONS? WE'LL BEGIN WITH OUR STARS, L.A. COUNTY STARS
9 PRESENTATION. IT'S OUR PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE TWO OF OUR
10 JANUARY 2014 L.A. COUNTY STARS. FIRST, WE'RE PROUD TO WELCOME
11 SERGEANT ROGER WALLACE, OUR STARS WINNER IN THE CATEGORY OF
12 FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY. HE WORKS FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
13 PARKS BUREAU. AND JOINING HIM IS CAPTAIN STEVE SMITH. ROGER
14 WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR TAKING THE INITIATIVE TO ACQUIRE A U.S.
15 COAST GUARD SAFE BOAT FROM THE FEDERAL EXCESS PROPERTY
16 PROGRAM. HE IDENTIFIED THE NEED TO REPLACE AN AGING BOAT FLEET
17 AT THE PARKS BUREAU WITHOUT INCURRING THE HIGH COST OF
18 PURCHASING NEW VESSELS. ROGER BECAME AWARE OF VESSELS BEING
19 RETIRED BY THE U.S. COAST GUARD THAT WOULD FIT THE MISSION OF
20 THE PARKS BUREAU AS WELL AS THE MARINA DEL REY STATION. BY
21 ACQUIRING THE RETIRED SAFE BOAT VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY
22 \$175,000, HE SAVED THE DEPARTMENT APPROXIMATELY \$164,000.
23 BECAUSE THE FEDERAL EXCISE PROGRAM ONLY REQUIRED A SERVICE FEE
24 OF APPROXIMATELY \$11,000. SINCE THE FIRST BOAT WAS ACQUIRED
25 AND PLACED INTO SERVICE, THE PARKS BUREAU OF PYRAMID LAKE, TWO



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1 MORE SAFE BOATS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AT AN ADDITIONAL COST
2 SAVINGS OF SEVERAL HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS. CURRENTLY PENDING
3 DEPLOYMENT AT CASTAIC LAKE AS WELL AS MARINA DEL REY. THIS
4 ACQUISITION PROGRAM BEGAN THE STANDARDIZATION OF THE LOS
5 ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT BOAT FLEET WHICH WILL SAVE
6 THE COUNTY AND TAXPAYERS THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS ANNUALLY. PLEASE
7 JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING SERGEANT ROGER WALLACE. [APPLAUSE.]

8

9 **STEVE SMITH:** ROGER IS EXAMPLE OF THE WAY THAT WE TRY TO ALWAYS
10 SPEND TAXPAYERS' MONEY, INTELLIGENTLY WITHOUT WASTE. AND ROGER
11 WENT OUT AND DID THIS ALL ON HIS OWN. HE REALLY WAS THE ONE
12 BEHIND THIS AND HE'S VERY DESERVING OF THIS AWARD. HE SAVED US
13 PROBABLY ABOUT \$450,000 AND THE SAVINGS WILL BE REALIZED EVERY
14 YEAR BECAUSE THE STANDARDIZATION OF THE FLEET WILL ALLOW US TO
15 PROVIDE MAINTENANCE AT A MUCH CHEAPER RATE AS WELL, SO ROGER
16 JUST DID A GREAT JOB, AND WE'RE VERY PROUD OF HIM AT THE
17 DEPARTMENT. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ROGER DOESN'T WANT TO SAY ANYTHING. HE
20 JUST WANTS TO BUY BOATS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, CONGRATULATIONS.
21 [APPLAUSE.] OUR SECOND PRESENTATION, DR. HANU DAMERLA IS
22 WINNER OF OUR CATEGORY OF SERVICE EXCELLENCE AND
23 ORGANIZATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS. [APPLAUSE.] ALL RIGHT. DR.
24 DAMERLA IS A SUPERVISING MENTAL HEALTH PSYCHIATRIST AND THE
25 MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF OUR JUVENILE JUSTICE CAMP PROGRAMS. SHE



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1 WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN BRINGING THE MENTAL HEALTH-RELATED
2 PROVISIONS OF OUR D.O.J. SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT INTO FULL
3 COMPLIANCE. AS SUCH, BOTH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND
4 PROBATION HAVE BENEFITED FROM HIS WORK IN THE CAMP JUVENILE
5 JUSTICE PROGRAMS. DR. DAMERLA WAS RECENTLY RECOGNIZED BY THE
6 AMERICAN ACADEMY OF CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY AS A
7 DISTINGUISHED FELLOW. HIS DEDICATION TO HIS JOB IS EVIDENT IN
8 EVERY ASPECT OF HIS PERFORMANCE. HIS SWIFT IMPLEMENTATION OF A
9 PSYCHIATRIC PEER REVIEW PROCESS IMPRESSED THE DEPARTMENT OF
10 JUSTICE MONITORS AND CONTRIBUTED TO IMPROVED CARE. HE'S
11 GREATLY ENHANCED THE AVAILABILITY OF A QUALIFIED PSYCHIATRIST
12 IN THE DIFFICULT AREAS TO HIRE WHERE THE PROBATION CAMPS ARE
13 LOCATED. HE'S A COMPASSIONATE LEADER AS WELL AS AN OUTSTANDING
14 MANAGER, SO PLEASE JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING AND HONORING DR.
15 HANU DAMERLA. [APPLAUSE.]

16

17 **MARVIN SOUTHARD:** MARVIN SOUTHARD, DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF
18 MENTAL HEALTH, AND I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO COMMEND
19 DR. DAMERLA NOT JUST FOR HIS ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP, WHICH
20 IS DEMONSTRATED BY HIS ABILITY TO FILL ALL THE COMPLEX
21 REQUIREMENTS THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REQUIRES, BUT EVEN
22 MORE HE DOES HIS WORK IN SUCH A WAY THAT THE BETTERMENT AND
23 WELL-BEING OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE UNDER HIS CHARGE ARE HIS
24 PRIMARY CONCERN. AND THAT DEDICATION TO THE WELFARE AND
25 RECOVERY OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS IS WHAT HAS MADE HIM SUCH AN



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1 EFFECTIVE LEADER AND RECOGNIZED BY HIS STAFF AS SOMEBODY THEY
2 WANT TO FOLLOW TO MAKE SURE THAT THE JOB THEY DO GETS DONE IN
3 THE BEST POSSIBLE WAY. SO IT'S A GREAT HONOR FOR ME TO BE ABLE
4 TO HAVE SOMEBODY LIKE DR. DAMERLA WORKING FOR THE DEPARTMENT
5 OF MENTAL HEALTH. SO DR. DAMERLA, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK?

6

7 **DR. HANUMANTHARAO DAMERLA:** HONORABLE CHAIRMAN, HONORABLE
8 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, DIRECTOR SOUTHARD, MY
9 SUPERVISOR, TERRY BOYKIN, DR. STREIK AND LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
10 IT'S A MATTER OF GREAT PRIDE AND I CONSIDER IT A GREAT HONOR
11 TO RECEIVE THIS RECOGNITION. FOR THE FAMILIES THAT WE SERVE,
12 THE BEST THAT WE DO IS NEVER GOOD ENOUGH. AND IF WE WANT TO DO
13 MORE, I THINK WE HAVE TO DO BEYOND OUR BEST. AND I DO WANT TO
14 THANK THE D.M.H. LEADERSHIP, AND I ALSO WANT TO RECOGNIZE MY
15 FAMILY, MY PARENTS WHO ARE NO MORE, AND MY WIFE AND CHILDREN
16 FOR THEIR UNCONDITIONAL LOVE AND SUPPORT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
17 GOD BLESS LOS ANGELES COUNTY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND THE
18 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I'LL GO DOWN THERE IN A SECOND TO MAKE A
21 PRESENTATION, BUT AT THIS TIME YOU SEE OUT THERE JUST SOME
22 VERY, VERY SPECIAL PEOPLE FROM RANCHO LOS AMIGOS. BOBBY JEAN
23 TAMBERG, AMY MCKNIGHT, JAY KRAMER, ROBERT ROHAN, HECTOR DURAN,
24 RON GARIBE, MEMBERS ARE ALL PART OF THE KNOWBARRIERS PROGRAM
25 AT RANCHO LOS AMIGOS AND JOINING THEM IS JORGE OROZCO FROM THE



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1 HOSPITAL AS WELL AS BEN AVANDO AND SARAH KARAN OF THE NATIONAL
2 REHABILITATION CENTER OVER THERE. WE'RE HERE TO RECOGNIZE THIS
3 GROUP'S AMAZING WORK. AS YOU KNOW, THIS IS NATIONAL MENTORING
4 MONTH. AND THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF JANUARY, THROUGHOUT THE
5 COUNTY, TO HONOR THE PROGRAMS AND VOLUNTEERS AND PARTICIPANTS
6 OF THIS AMAZING CAUSE. QUALITY MENTORING PROGRAMS ARE PROVEN
7 TO BUILD RELATIONSHIPS THAT HELP IMPROVE AND ATTAIN ACADEMIC
8 ACHIEVEMENT, PERSONAL GROWTH, PROFESSIONAL SUCCESS AND PROVIDE
9 SKILLS TO BETTER NAVIGATE LIFE'S CHANGES. AT RANCHO, THERE IS
10 AMAZING MENTORING PROGRAM CALLED KNOWBARRIERS. THEIR LIFE
11 COACHING PROGRAM, THIS LIFE COACHING PROGRAM WAS CREATED IN
12 2005 AND IS BASED ON THE BELIEF THAT PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
13 WHO RECEIVE SUPPORT, ENCOURAGEMENT, ACCOUNTABILITY AND ACCESS
14 TO RESOURCES WILL EXPERIENCE AN INCREASE IN SELF-ESTEEM AND
15 CONFIDENCE. SINCE ITS INCEPTION, 50 RANCHO PATIENTS HAVE
16 COMPLETED AND GRADUATED FROM THE PROGRAM, AND I'VE HAD THE
17 PRIVILEGE AND HONOR TO BE AT MOST OF THOSE GRADUATIONS. IN
18 ADDITION, KNOWBARRIERS ALSO INCLUDES A PEER MENTOR PROGRAM
19 WHICH WAS DEVELOPED IN 2008. IT WAS DESIGNED TO ASSIST RANCHO
20 PATIENTS AS THEY TRANSITION TO A NEW NORMAL AND NEW LIFE
21 SITUATIONS. PEER MENTORS HAVE BECOME AN INTEGRAL PART OF
22 RANCHO, PROVIDING SERVICES SIX DAYS A WEEK IN EVERY AREA OF
23 THE HOSPITAL. TO DATE, 40 PEOPLE HAVE COMPLETED THE PEER
24 MENTOR PROGRAM. THIS PROGRAM WORKS TO EMPOWER PEOPLE WITH
25 DISABILITIES TO CREATE A VISION OF PERSONAL SUCCESS. IT IS



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1 UNDOUBTEDLY A LARGE PART OF THE SUCCESS AT RANCHO. AND I'M
2 PROUD THAT IT'S A PART OF OUR GREAT COUNTY. SO ON BEHALF OF
3 MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES ON THE BOARD, WE HEREBY PRESENT THIS
4 SCROLL TO RANCHO LOS AMIGOS KNOWBARRIERS PROGRAM FOR ALL OF
5 THEIR HARD WORK. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE KNOWBARRIERS
6 PROGRAM. [APPLAUSE.]

7

8 **JORGE OROZCO:** I'M JORGE OROZCO, I'M THE C.E.O. OF THE HOSPITAL
9 RANCHO LOS AMIGOS. I WANT TO SHARE HOW MEANINGFUL THIS GROUP
10 OF HEALTHCARE EXPERTS AND LEADERS ARE TO OUR DELIVERY OF
11 QUALITY CARE. AS YOU COULD IMAGINE A YOUNG INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS
12 JUST RECEIVED NEWS THAT THEY MAY NO LONGER WALK AGAIN AS A
13 RESULT OF THEIR INJURY, AND SORT OF THE LIFE CHANGING EVENT
14 THAT THAT IS, TO TRY TO PIECE YOUR LIFE BACK TOGETHER. AND
15 THEN YOU HAVE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO MAY ROLL INTO THEIR ROOM OR
16 WALK INTO THEIR ROOM AND SAY, "I KNOW HOW THAT IS. I'VE LIVED
17 IT. I KNOW IT'S HARD. BUT LIFE CONTINUES," AND SHARES THEIR
18 STORY OF GOING BACK TO SCHOOL AND FINISHING SCHOOL, STARTING A
19 CAREER, GETTING MARRIED, HAVING KIDS, ET CETERA. THE POWER
20 THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS BRING TO THE DELIVERY SYSTEM OF HEALTH
21 AT RANCHO IS JUST INCREDIBLE. AND I DO WANT TO THANK THE BOARD
22 FOR ESTABLISHING A MECHANISM THAT ALLOWS US TO HIRE THESE
23 EXPERTS ONTO OUR CLINICAL TEAM. AND WE HAVE ABOUT 30
24 INDIVIDUALS THAT WE ARE PAYING TO BE PART OF OUR CLINICAL



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1 DELIVERY TEAMS AT RANCHO. SO CONGRATULATIONS, KNOWBARRIERS.

2 [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **SPEAKER:** ON BEHALF OF KNOWBARRIERS, I WOULD JUST LIKE TO THANK
5 THE BOARD AND A SPECIAL THANKS TO SUPERVISOR KNABE FOR
6 ACKNOWLEDGING OUR PROGRAM IN NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH. JORGE
7 ALREADY MENTIONED THE IMPACT THAT OUR MENTORS HAVE AT RANCHO,
8 AND I HAVE THE BENEFIT, ALONG WITH THIS GREAT TEAM, OF SEEING
9 HOW MUCH IT ALSO IMPROVES THE LIVES OF OUR MENTORS. IT ALLOWS
10 THEM TO RECOGNIZE HOW FAR THEY HAVE COME FROM THEIR INJURY,
11 AND THEY ALL ENJOY GIVING BACK OR PAYING FORWARD TO THE NEWLY
12 INJURED CITIZENS OF L.A. COUNTY. WITH NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH
13 BEING JANUARY, WE ENCOURAGE EACH OF YOU TO GO OUT, MAKE A
14 DIFFERENCE IN SOMEONE'S LIFE, HELP SOMEONE ELSE PAVE A WAY TO
15 SUCCESS. AND IT WILL ENRICH YOUR LIFE AS MUCH AS IT HAS
16 ENRICHED THOSE OF OUR STAFF. SO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE,
17 FOR ALL OF YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT. WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING
18 TO PROVIDE THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES TO
19 PAY IT FORWARD AT RANCHO LOS AMIGOS. THANK YOU.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, BOBBY. [APPLAUSE.] THANK YOU
22 ALL FOR COMING DOWN. GO RANCH!

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS IS ALWAYS A SPECIAL TIME WHEN I HAVE THE
25 OPPORTUNITY TO INITIATING THIS PROGRAM WHERE WE RECOGNIZE THE



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1 RECIPIENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN SERVICES ENRICHMENT
2 PLUS AWARD. AND THESE YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE ACHIEVED ACADEMIC
3 EXCELLENCE AND IMPROVED THEIR ACADEMIC STANDING. WE ARE JOINED
4 BY SID CARTER WITH THE YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES UNITED WHO ALSO
5 WILL BE PRESENTING A \$50 CARD TO BARNES & NOBLE SO THAT THEY
6 CAN BUY ADDITIONAL SCHOOL SUPPLIES. SO WHAT WE HAVE TO BEGIN
7 WITH, ALSO I SHOULD SAY JOINING US, WE HAVE FROM THE
8 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND
9 FAMILY SERVICES ALICIA RAMIREZ, TIFFANY GRIFFIN, ROSA LABA
10 ARROYO, OZIMI MIDZANIAN [PH?] YVETTE CASTELLANOS, AND OUR
11 DIRECTOR PHILIP BROWNING. FIRST, FOR THE BEST ACADEMIC
12 ACHIEVEMENT, WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE EMMA CHAN. EMMA? NO EMMA? OH
13 HERE WE GO. [APPLAUSE.] FOR BEST ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT,
14 JONATHAN THOMAS TRUJILLO. [APPLAUSE.] PATRICK DONAHUE?
15 [APPLAUSE.] TAMALA SIMMS. [APPLAUSE.] SAMANTHA ORTIZ.
16 [APPLAUSE.] ROSIE CHAVEZ. [APPLAUSE.] MOST IMPROVED ACADEMIC
17 ACHIEVEMENT. DASHAUN HARVEY? [APPLAUSE.] MONICA MANIVAR.
18 [APPLAUSE.] OKAY. ANN, SID, YOU WANT TO SAY A FEW WORDS?

19

20 **SID CARTER:** SO MY NAME IS SID CARTER I'M HERE FROM YOUTH
21 OPPORTUNITIES UNITED. Y.O.U. HAS BEEN WORKING WITH THE L.A.
22 COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES FOR ABOUT 20
23 YEARS NOW TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES TO THESE OUTSTANDING YOUNG
24 PEOPLE AND YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE WATCHED OVER BY L.A. D.C.F.S.
25 I WANT TO JUST CONGRATULATE ALL OF YOU ON YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS,



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1 ON YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS. WAY TO GO. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

2 [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **PHILIP BROWNING:** ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT, I REALLY WANT TO
5 THANK THE Y.O.U. BOARD, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, SUPERVISOR
6 ANTONOVICH. THESE ARE FANTASTIC EXAMPLES OF WHAT CAN HAPPEN IN
7 THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I REALLY WANT TO
8 GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO THE PEOPLE WHO ARE TAKING PICTURES, THEIR
9 PARENTS AND FOSTER PARENTS AND WORKERS WHO DEDICATE SO MUCH
10 EVERY DAY TO MAKING THESE YOUNG PEOPLE A SUCCESS. SO LET'S
11 GIVE THEM ALL A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS LITTLE BOY, HIS NAME IS SPOT. AS YOU
14 COULD SEE, HE HAS A SPOT ON HIS RIGHT EYE. LOOKING FOR A HOME,
15 HE'S 12 WEEKS OLD. THIS IS A SHIH TZU MIX. YOU CAN CALL 562-
16 728-4610 AND THIS LITTLE BOY CAN BE YOURS. LOOK AT THIS ONE.
17 LOOKS LIKE HE SHOULD BELONG WITH THE "OUR GANG" COMEDY.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WE WILL PROCEED WITH THE AGENDA.
20 FIRST INDIVIDUALS CALLED UP, SIGNED UP ON MULTIPLE ITEMS.
21 ARMANDO HERMAN, 1, 7, 13, 19, 28 AND C.S.-5. ERIC PREVEN ON 1-
22 D, 1, 2, 4, 7, 11, 18, 19 AND 21. MR. SACHS, 1-P, 5, 13, 28,
23 29, 31 AND C.S.-3. AND GENEVIEVE, 16, 17, C.S.-4 AND C.S.-5.
24 JUST GO AHEAD. THANK YOU.

25



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1 **ERIC PREVEN:** HI, SUPERVISOR MOLINA. IT'S ERIC PREVEN, THE
2 COUNTY RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3. TODAY IS OF COURSE AN
3 IMPORTANT DAY FOR ME BECAUSE IT IS THE DAY THAT THE BOARD IS
4 LOOKING AT ITEM 32, 33 AND 34, WHICH ARE THE COUNTY LITIGATION
5 AND COST REPORTS, WHICH WE HEARD LAST WEEK RESULTED IN A \$43
6 MILLION SHERIFF NUMBER, WHICH WAS VERY UPSETTING AND OUT OF
7 LINE. BUT THE OVERALL NUMBER HAD COME DOWN FROM 115 TO 89
8 MILLION AND THERE WERE PEOPLE WHO WERE CELEBRATING THAT IN
9 SOME SECTORS. NOT ME BECAUSE I'M PAYING CLOSER ATTENTION. AND
10 IT'S A CYCLICAL GAME THAT MR. ESTABROOK PLAYS NICELY. BUT
11 LEAVING THAT ASIDE, I WANTED TO TALK TODAY ABOUT MY
12 DISAPPOINTMENT IN THE TRANSPARENCY DEPARTMENT HERE AT THE
13 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AND I'VE BEEN TRYING REALLY WITH
14 GREAT-- AN EARNEST EFFORT TO COMMUNICATE MY CONCERN ABOUT ITEM
15 18, WHICH IS THE WHITTIER NARROWS GOLF COURSE ON FEDERAL LAND
16 THAT IS BEING AWARDED TO AMERICAN GOLF CORPORATION. AND
17 AMERICAN GOLF CORPORATION WAS TRANSFERRED AT SOME OTHER TIME,
18 AND IT'S CONFUSING ABOUT THE TRANSFER FEES. THERE'S EVIDENCE
19 THAT THESE GUYS FROM NEW YORK HAVE PULLED ONE OVER ON OUR FINE
20 COUNTY GOLF GUYS. AND I'VE BEEN TRYING TO RAISE THE BOARD OF
21 SUPERVISORS UP TO THE EDGE TO SAY "HEY, MAYBE WE CAN HOLD
22 THESE GUYS IN NEW YORK ACCOUNTABLE SINCE IT'S NOT FAIR AND
23 THEY COULD EASILY SETTLE US OUT, THEY'RE SETTling EVERYBODY
24 OUT. I THINK IT'S 50 BILLION, SUPERVISOR KNABE. THAT NUMBER
25 GOT ME EXCITED, FOR THE MORTGAGE CRISIS, ALL THOSE BANKS



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1 TOGETHER. BUT UNFORTUNATELY I'VE RUN INTO A WEIRD ENERGY WHERE
2 PEOPLE ON MEDICAL LEAVE, NOBODY CAN-- AND IT'S UPSETTING
3 BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO EMBARRASS YOU. I DON'T WANT YOU TO
4 EMBARRASS THE FOLKS WHO HAVE TAKEN US A LITTLE BIT. BUT I AM
5 JUST A REGULAR GUY. I'M NOT A LAWYER BUT I'VE LAID IT OUT LIKE
6 A LEGAL CASE. AND I'M THE GUY WHO'S ALWAYS SAYING, "HEY, LET'S
7 NOT DO STUPID LAWSUITS." SIR, NO DISRESPECT, THE CROSS IS
8 IMPORTANT TO YOU. I THINK IT COULD BE CATEGORIZED THAT WAY,
9 BUT YOU GOT MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS TO GET INTO WITH YOU, AND NOW
10 IT'S UNDERWAY, MAYBE THERE WILL BE A LAWSUIT, MAYBE THERE
11 WON'T. I HOPE NOT. I HOPE WE CAN JUST LEAVE IT AS IT IS. BUT
12 HERE'S THE THING, MR. ANTI-LAWSUIT GUY IS FACING VERY LITTLE
13 RECOURSE BECAUSE I KEEP ASKING MY ELECTED OFFICIALS. AND I'VE
14 LOOKED AT IT. I'VE LOOKED AT WHAT YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO DO. I
15 DON'T EVEN HAVE STANDING SO CLEARLY TO BRING A LAWSUIT. I
16 DON'T WANT TO FILE A LAWSUIT. I JUST WANT THE LEADERS WHO WE,
17 YOU KNOW, HAVE EMPOWERED BY OUR VOTES, AND WE'RE RIGHT IN THE
18 MIDST OF IT AGAIN. WE'RE IN THE MIDST OF AN ELECTION. SO I'D
19 LIKE TO HEAR WHAT MS. SOLIS AND MS. KUEHL AND WHOEVER ELSE IS
20 RUNNING ON THESE THINGS, DURON, WHAT THEY THINK ABOUT THESE
21 ISSUES. BUT EVERYBODY IS TRYING TO SLAM IT DOWN THROUGH, AND
22 REMEMBER, SIR, YOU PUT THIS ON THE AGENDA ON THANKSGIVING EVE
23 SO I'M THE BAD GUY DURING THE HOLIDAYS TALKING ABOUT HOW
24 GOLDMAN SACHS AND STARWOOD CAPITAL AND FORTRESS INVESTMENT
25 GROUP AND FIVE MILE CAPITAL PARTNERS WHO JUST JUMPED IN WHEN



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1 NOBODY WAS LOOKING. THIS IS OUTRAGEOUS, AND THIS BOARD NEEDS
2 TO STEP UP AND SAY, "HEY, LET'S JUST SLOW IT DOWN LONG ENOUGH
3 TO LISTEN TO THE POINTS AND TO RESPOND TO THE SERIOUS
4 QUESTIONS."

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. GENEVIEVE?

7

8 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
9 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I HAD A LOT OF ITEMS BUT IT'S
10 IMPOSSIBLE, ACTUALLY TO SPEAK TO THE ITEMS IN A THREE-MINUTE
11 TIME GIVEN BUT I'M GOING TO PUT AN EMPHASIS ON ITEM 17. AGAIN,
12 IT'S AN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SOFTWARE. AT THE TUNE OF
13 ANOTHER MILLION AND A HALF, ALMOST, OVER A MILLION AND A HALF
14 TO DO WITH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY. AND WE HAVE ABSOLUTELY IN
15 THIS COUNTY NO KNOWLEDGE OF HOW MANY SYSTEMS WE HAVE, HOW THEY
16 TALK TO EACH OTHER AND SO ON. AND OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS I
17 HAVE ASKED TO GET AN ASSESSMENT OF WHAT WE HAVE ALREADY. AND
18 OF COURSE I NEVER GOT IT. AND ON ITEM C.S.-4, MY FAVORITE
19 ITEM, M.L.K. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION. I STILL HAVE RECEIVED NONE
20 OF THE INFORMATION VIS-A-VIS THE LEASE AND THE RENT THEY HAVE
21 BEEN PAYING TO THE TUNE OF \$64,000 A YEAR. AND AS USUAL, UNDER
22 C.S.-4 AND C.S.-5, YOU USE A CODE, A GOVERNMENT CODE, 54956.8.
23 WELL, THAT SPECIFIC CODE IS VERY CLEAR. AND I'M GOING TO READ
24 IT FOR YOUR KNOWLEDGE SINCE YOU PROBABLY DON'T KNOW IT BECAUSE
25 YOU CODE IT EVERY TIME. AND IT SHOWS THAT YOU CANNOT PUT



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1 ANYTHING ON CLOSED SESSION HAVING TO DO WITH LEASE, RENT OR
2 BUYING OR ANYTHING OF PROPERTY. HOWEVER, "PRIOR TO THE CLOSED
3 SESSION, THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF THE LOCAL AGENCY SHALL HOLD
4 AN OPEN AND PUBLIC SESSION IN WHICH IT IDENTIFIES THE
5 NEGOTIATIONS FOR REAL PROPERTY" AND SO ON. AND THAT HAS NEVER
6 HAPPENED. EVEN FROM MY REQUEST OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT,
7 I HAVE NEVER RECEIVED THAT INFORMATION. SO FOR YOU TO GO ON
8 CLOSED SESSION ON C.S.-4 IN PARTICULAR AND C.S.-5 CANNOT BE
9 DONE WITHOUT HAVING A PUBLIC HEARING. AND I'M DEMANDING TO
10 HAVE COPY OF TO WHOM WE HAVE GIVEN ABOUT \$15 MILLION
11 ALTOGETHER. SO I THINK EVENTUALLY SOMEBODY WILL LISTEN. I'M A
12 STRONG BELIEVER THAT PAYBACK, KARMA IS A BITCH AND I THINK
13 EVENTUALLY SOME OF YOU WILL HAVE TO ANSWER. WE HAVE THE RIGHT
14 TO HAVE THOSE DOCUMENTS. AND I THINK WE SHOULD HAVE IT. AND
15 I'M GOING TO COME BACK EVERY TIME UNTIL I DIE TO GET IT. SO I
16 HOPE ONE OF YOU WILL DO IT SOON BECAUSE I'M GETTING TIRED OF
17 ASKING EVERY WEEK. AND ME, I ASK IT POLITELY. BUT I'M GETTING
18 TIRED TO BE POLITE. AND I KNOW MR. YAROSLAVSKY, YOU REQUESTED
19 THOSE DOCUMENTS. AND I DON'T THINK YOU RECEIVED IT BECAUSE YOU
20 WOULD HAVE SHARED IT WITH ME. MAYBE FOUR OR FIVE OF YOU
21 REQUESTED FROM MR. KRATTLI, MAYBE WE WOULD GET IT. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BEFORE GOING, COULD WE ASK MR. KRATTLI, I
24 DON'T KNOW IF YOU WERE LISTENING TO THE TESTIMONY, COULD YOU



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1 JUST RESPOND TO THE LEGAL ISSUE OF HAVING THIS MADE PUBLIC
2 BEFORE WE GO INTO CLOSED SESSION?

3

4 **JOHN KRATTLI, COUNSEL:** SUPERVISORS AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
5 WE ARE FULLY COMPLIANT WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE BROWN ACT
6 WITH RESPECT TO THE NOTIFICATION GIVEN TO THE BOARD PRIOR TO
7 GOING INTO CLOSED SESSION ON THE REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THE ISSUE OF HAVING A PUBLIC HEARING IN
10 ADVANCE OF THAT THAT SHE QUOTED FROM?

11

12 **JOHN KRATTLI:** I DID NOT HEAR THAT PART OF THE DISCUSSION. I AM
13 CERTAINLY WILLING TO GO TALK TO MS. CLAVREUL SEPARATELY ABOUT
14 IT.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D APPRECIATE IF YOU WOULD. COULD YOU SHARE
17 THAT INFORMATION WITH HIM?

18

19 **JOHN KRATTLI:** SURE, I'D BE GLAD TO HAVE THAT DISCUSSION.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ARMANDO? PROCEED.

22

23 **ARMANDO HERMAN:** GOOD MORNING, LOS ANGELES. ARE YOU LISTENING?
24 THERE'S BEEN AN INTERVENING OF AUTHORITY WHEN IT COMES TO
25 CODES AND VIOLATIONS AND THE SUBJECT OF MANY TOPICS THROUGHOUT



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1 THE COUNTY AND THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. WE HAVE ALL
2 HEARD THAT DURING THE 2020 L.A. COMMISSION, THERE'S BEEN A
3 SIGNIFICANT IMPACT DECLINE IN OUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO IMPROVE,
4 CREATE AND ESTABLISH BOUNDARIES THAT MEASURE UP TO THE
5 STANDARDS OF WHAT ALL YOUR CONSTITUENTS COME HERE TO SPEAK
6 ABOUT. AND SO THE INTERVENING OF AUTHORITY OF WHAT MATTER AND
7 SUBJECT DO YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VIOLATE CIVIL RIGHTS OF YOUR
8 CONSTITUENTS? IN THIS MOTION KNOWN AS THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
9 VERSUS-- OR I SHOULD SAY LOS ANGELES VERSUS THE CLIENT UNDER
10 THIS FORMULA IT SAYS "APPROXIMATELY 10,000 MILES OF SIDEWALK
11 AND STREETS IN THE CITY ESTIMATE THAT ROUGHLY 4,600 MILES
12 LEADING TO A 43 PERCENT AND NOT BETTER THAT SIDEWALKS ARE
13 NEEDED FOR REPAIR." THIS IS JUST ONE POINT OF VIEW OF WHAT'S
14 HAPPENING IN LOS ANGELES, THE DECLINE IN PUBLIC SERVICES, THE
15 DECLINE IN ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS DELEGATED BY NOT YOURSELVES
16 AS CODE INVENTORS OR CODE VIOLATORS, BUT IT GOES BACK TO THE
17 BOTTOM LINE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOW TO IMPROVE NOT JUST
18 THE BROWN ACT BUT TO IMPROVE EVERYDAY QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES.
19 AND, YES, I AM OFF TOPIC. AND I HAVE A RIGHT, MR. SACHS, AS
20 YOU LAUGH ABOUT IT, BECAUSE THERE IS A DETERIORATION AND
21 DAMAGE CAUSED BY A COUNTY AND BY THE CITY AT LOCAL GOVERNMENT
22 WHEN IT DOES NOT ENFORCE THE IDEAS AND PRINCIPLES NOT JUST BY
23 OUR L.A. COMMISSION, BOARD, BUT ALSO WHAT WAS SAID BY MR.
24 CANTOR AND THE COMMISSION AT L.A. CITY, WHILE I WAS THERE THIS
25 PAST WEEK. AND SO, AGAIN, DESPITE ITS AWARENESS AND I'M



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1 TALKING ABOUT THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, IT HAS A BROKEN SYSTEM,
2 A BROKEN SYSTEM TO SIDEWALKS, TO STREETS, SERVICES AND IT HAS
3 A WAY OF BAMBOOZLING--

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, POINT OF ORDER. WHAT ITEM IS
6 THE GENTLEMAN SPEAKING ON?

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** 1, 7, 13, 19, 28. HE'S READING FROM THE
9 2020 REPORT.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHICH HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE COUNTY OF
12 LOS ANGELES OR ANYTHING ON OUR AGENDA.

13

14 **ARMANDO HERMAN:** SO ON ITEM 19, LET US PRESERVE OUR HABITAT.
15 BECAUSE YOU CONTINUE TO OCCUPY SPACE THAT SHOULD BE OBVIOUS
16 FOR THE PUBLIC. AND, YES, WHEN I GO OFF TOPIC THERE'S A REASON
17 BECAUSE THERE'S SO MANY SUBJECTS AND MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE
18 THAT ARE IMPORTANT.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. SACHS?

21

22 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I HELD 1-P, THAT'S THE 1996 SAFE PARKS
23 PROPOSITION. SO I WAS WONDERING, WAS THAT THE SAME FUNDING
24 THAT WHITTIER USED TO ACQUIRE THE PROPERTY AND THEN OPEN IT UP
25 TO OIL DRILLING? BECAUSE I UNDERSTAND-- AND MR. PREVEN MIGHT



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1 BE INTERESTED IN THIS-- THAT THE CONSERVANCY WILL BE ACTING
2 BASED ON THE EMPOWERED BY WHITTIER'S ACTION, THEY'RE GOING TO
3 PARTNER WITH FRACK U, WHICH IS A SUBSIDIARY, A NONPROFIT
4 CREATED BY OLD F.U., TO DRILL FOR OIL IN THE MALIBU PROPERTY
5 BECAUSE WHEN YOU GOT THE INFORMATION FROM WHITTIER AND THE
6 COUNTY COUNSEL LOOKED AT THE CONTRACT OR THE BALLOT INITIATIVE
7 AND DID NOTHING, THAT'S WHY THEY WENT AHEAD WITH IT, SO THEY
8 FIGURED WHY NOT DO IT HERE? I HELD ITEM NO. 5 BECAUSE IT DEALS
9 WITH THE STATE'S MONITORING OF FOSTER FAMILY AGENCIES. AND IF
10 THEY CAN'T DO IT, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WANTS THE COUNTY TO BE
11 FUNDED TO DO IT. SO CAN I SAY TEENS HAPPY HOMES, TOOK YOU
12 THREE VOTES TO CLOSE THEM DOWN AFTER EIGHT YEARS OF
13 INVESTIGATIONS. AND YOU WANT A DATABASE OF CRIMINAL WAIVERS
14 ISSUED ON BEHALF OF THE AGENCY, EMPLOYEES AND THE PARENTS. YOU
15 HAD 859 RECOMMENDATIONS, I BELIEVE, BEFORE YOU DID THE BLUE
16 RIBBON COMMISSION. WHAT IF THAT WAS ONE OF THE
17 RECOMMENDATIONS? BECAUSE YOU HAVEN'T ACTED ON ANY OF THOSE.
18 AND LAST WEEK, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH MENTIONED THE SUBSTANDARD
19 TRAINING OF THE D.C.F.S. EMPLOYEES THAT HAVE TO BE RETRAINED.
20 AND YOU WANT TO DO SUPERVISION? CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PEOPLE
21 WHO GOT THOSE AWARDS EARLIER, BECAUSE IN SPITE OF THE BOARD OF
22 SUPERVISORS' INTERVENTION, THEY MANAGED TO SUCCEED WHILE THE
23 BOARD IS FLUSHING EVERYTHING DOWN THE TOILET. I HELD ITEM 15.
24 IT DEALS WITH THE GRAND AVENUE PARCEL PROJECT, WHATEVER. I
25 DON'T SEE ANYTHING RELATED TO RELATED COMPANIES. WHY NOT? AND



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1 IT'S PROPERTY-- WHO'S DOING THE PROPERTY ASSESSMENT? WHO WILL
2 ACTUALLY OWN THE PROPERTY AFTER THIS DEVELOPMENT? SO WILL THE
3 PROPERTY BE RE-ASSESSED BASED UPON THE NEW VALUE OF THE
4 CONDOMINIUMS AND THE PROJECTS THAT ARE GOING TO BE BUILT
5 THERE? I DON'T KNOW. HOW DOES THAT ENTER IN WITH PROP 13? YOU
6 KNOW, THE PROPERTY REASSESSMENT AND THE NOT TO 50 PERCENT
7 OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY. YOU'RE DOING A FINE JOB THERE. C.S.-3
8 DEALS WITH NEGOTIATIONS OF PROFESSIONAL PEACE OFFICERS. BY ANY
9 CHANCE WOULD THAT BE THE SHERIFFS THAT YOU NEGOTIATE WITH?
10 BECAUSE YOU NEGOTIATE WITH THEM, AND BASED ON THE CIVIL
11 SERVICE REQUIREMENTS THAT YOU ALLOW, THE SHERIFF HAS TO DEAL
12 WITH THE FALLOUT. AND BY THE WAY, JUST SO YOU KNOW, I'M
13 WEARING THIS BADGE, BUT IF I'M NOMINATED, I WON'T ACCEPT THE
14 POSITION, JUST SO YOU KNOW.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NOT MUCH TO WORRY ABOUT THERE, SIR.

17

18 **ARNOLD SACHS:** DON'T WORRY.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE ITEMS ARE HERE BEFORE US, PLEASE?

21

22 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE
23 THIS BOARD. ITEM NO. 1-D, 1, 4, 5, 7, 13, 17, 21 AND 28. THOSE
24 ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY,
2 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
3 ORDERED. ALL RIGHT. FIRST DISTRICT, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, YOU'RE
4 UP FIRST?

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES. COULD WE TAKE UP ITEM 15, PLEASE? MR.
7 CHAIRMAN, WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TODAY. THIS IS ON PARCEL Q TO
8 PRESENT THE NEW AND REVISED PLANS FOR PARCEL Q. THIS IS
9 CERTAINLY A MUCH-IMPROVED DESIGN. IT MEETS ALL OF THE ORIGINAL
10 STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS OF REIMAGINING GRAND AVENUE THAT WE
11 PROPOSED, GOSH, ALMOST 15 YEARS AGO. SO IT COMPLIES WITH THE
12 DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR THE PROJECT. AND SO LET ME HAVE THEM DO
13 THE PRESENTATION AGAIN AND THEN I'LL MAKE-- AND THEN I'LL MAKE
14 SOME COMMENTS AND THEN WE CAN OPEN IT UP FOR-- I DON'T KNOW
15 WHO IS HERE FROM-- ARE YOU HERE WITH GEHRY, RIGHT?

16

17 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISOR. THIS IS PAUL ZUMWALT FROM
18 GEHRY PARTNERS.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** IF WE COULD HAVE YOU PRESENT, THAT WOULD BE
21 IDEAL.

22

23 **PAUL ZUMWALT** GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU. WE'RE VERY HAPPY TO BE
24 **HERE WITH RELATED COMPANIES TO PRESENT THE GRAND AVENUE PLANS.**

25



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1 >>SUP. MOLINA: OBVIOUSLY WE CAN'T SEE IT. WHAT IS GOING ON?

2 IT'S A NICE DESIGN AND WE'D LIKE TO BE ABLE TO SEE IT.

3

4 PAUL ZUMWALT: THANK YOU. I'M HERE TO PRESENT THE DESIGN, TALK
5 ABOUT THE IDEAS FOR THE PLAN. WE'RE AT THE CONCEPT PHASE. THE
6 PARCEL Q IS ONE OF THE RELATED PARCELS AFTER THEIR DEVELOPMENT
7 OF GRAND PARK. PARCEL Q IS LOCATED, AS YOU COULD SEE, DIRECTLY
8 ACROSS FROM DISNEY HALL ALONG GRAND, ADJACENT TO THE DOROTHY
9 CHANDLER PAVILION, THE NEW BROAD MUSEUM, NEXT DOOR TO THE
10 COLBURN SCHOOL, AS WELL. THERE ARE SEVERAL KEY DESIGN ASPECTS
11 THAT WE WANT TO PORTRAY. ONE IS OF CONNECTIONS. IT'S NOT ONLY
12 A CONNECTION ACROSS FROM DISNEY AND CONNECTION THERE BUT IT'S
13 ALSO THE CONNECTIONS ALONG FIRST AVENUE, THE CONNECTIONS
14 THROUGH THE PARCEL TO OLIVE, AND ALSO THE CONNECTIONS ALONG
15 SECOND STREET. THIS IS A PLAN VIEW OF THE MODEL. AND ONE OF
16 THE KEY ASPECTS IS TO MAKE THIS CONNECTION ACROSS FROM DISNEY,
17 ACROSS TO THE DEVELOPMENT. AT THE PEDESTRIAN SCALE TO BEGIN
18 WITH, OUR PROPOSAL IS THAT WE TREAT GRAND AS A CONNECTOR. AND
19 WHETHER IT'S FROM THE ADDITION OF SPECIAL PAVING, LIGHTING TO
20 BE ABLE TO FLOW ACROSS TO THE GRAND AVENUE DEVELOPMENT. ONE OF
21 THE KEY POINTS IS AT THE STREET, THERE'S A LARGE INTERIOR
22 PLAZA, PEDESTRIAN PLAZA CONNECTING ACROSS FROM DISNEY HALL AND
23 ALONG GRAND. IT'S IMPORTANT TO US THAT THE TOWERS IN THE
24 DESIGN DON'T LAND JUST AT THE STREET. THEY ARRIVE AT A SERIES
25 OF STEPPED TERRACES OF RETAIL, FOOD AND BEVERAGE OF ALL PRICE



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1 POINTS AND ALL TYPES OF FOOD AND BEVERAGES AND SO THAT THE
2 TOWERS GENTLY MEET THE STREET DOWN AT THIS LARGE PEDESTRIAN
3 PLAZA THAT CONNECTS THROUGH TO OLIVE BUT ALSO HAS CONNECTING
4 POINTS FROM FIRST AND FROM SECOND. AS YOU CAN SEE, THIS LARGE
5 PLAZA IS ABOUT 180 FEET ACROSS OPENING TO GRAND THAT'S A
6 GATHERING PLACE FOR PERFORMANCES AND PUBLIC SPACE. THERE ARE
7 RETAIL IN THE MIDDLE, AS WELL. AND AS THE RETAIL SPACES STEP
8 BACK, THEY LEAVE TERRACES. SO THEY'RE OUTDOOR SPACES. AS THE
9 BUILDINGS STEP BACK GOING ACROSS, UP FROM GRAND AND ALL SIDES
10 OF THE DEVELOPMENT, GREEN SPACE, OUTDOOR DINING, OUTDOOR
11 SPACES. THIS IS THE PLAN VIEW WITH GRAND, DISNEY RIGHT HERE.
12 THIS IS THE PLAZA THAT WE'VE TALKED ABOUT, ENTRANCE OFF OF
13 FIRST. LARGE ENTRY OFF OF GRAND. AND ON ALL SIDES OF THE
14 DEVELOPMENT, THERE ARE RESTAURANTS, WHICH ARE THE PINK COLOR.
15 THERE'S A HOTEL RESTAURANT ON THIS CORNER AT GRAND AND FIRST.
16 OLIVE AND GRAND RESTAURANTS, RESTAURANT AT SECOND AND OLIVE.
17 AND THEN THE YELLOW COLOR ARE RETAIL SPACES. THIS IS AT THE
18 GROUND LEVEL OF GRAND. AND AS YOU CAN SEE, AS THE GRADE DROPS
19 FROM GRAND DOWN TO OLIVE, IT'S ABOUT 1-1/2 FLOORS, AS WE STEP
20 THROUGH, THERE'S OPENING BELOW AND THERE'S PEDESTRIAN
21 CONNECTIONS THROUGH DOWN TO OLIVE. NOW, AS WE STEP UP TO LEVEL
22 2, AGAIN, THE RESTAURANTS STEP UP, LEAVING OUTDOOR AREAS,
23 TERRACES. THERE ARE OUTDOOR SPACES CONNECT TO ALL THE RETAIL.
24 LEVEL 3 THERE'S A FITNESS CENTER IN THIS TOWER. RESTAURANTS
25 AGAIN. AND THE HOTEL HERE. LEVEL 4, THE FITNESS CENTER IS IN



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1 THE PODIUM OF THE RESIDENTIAL TOWER AND THEN THERE'S A
2 BALLROOM, MEETING ROOMS, AGAIN RESTAURANTS, THE MAIN LOBBY
3 FROM THE HOTEL. KEY FACTOR ARE VIEWS, BACK VIEWS OF THE NEW
4 BROAD MUSEUM, VIEWS BACK TO DISNEY, VIEWS ACROSS OLIVE, DOWN
5 FIRST AND VIEWS BACK TO SECOND. SO IT'S REALLY A DEVELOPMENT
6 OF THE WHOLE BLOCK. THE NEXT LEVEL UP, LEVEL 5 STARTS THE
7 RESIDENTIAL TOWER, TOWER 2. AND THEN THE HOTEL TOWER STARTS TO
8 RISE UP WITH SPA, GYM AND THEN THE OUTDOOR POOL DECK. AGAIN
9 LOOKING DOWN ONTO THIS INTERIOR PEDESTRIAN PLAZA. ONE OF THE
10 CONCEPTS, IN LOOKING FROM DISNEY INTO THE PLAZA IS THAT DISNEY
11 IS REALLY AN EXTERIOR SCULPTURAL TREATMENT. AS WE KNOW, IT'S
12 ALL ON THE EXTERIOR. THE IDEA WAS TO CARVE OUT THE INTERIOR OF
13 THE GRAND AVENUE SCHEME, TO TAKE THAT METAL AND CARVE OUT THE
14 INSIDE GIVING VIEWS BOTH TO THE INTERIOR AND ALSO EXTERIOR
15 VIEWS. THE EXTERIOR ARCHITECTURE WILL BE MORE TRADITIONAL,
16 MORE PRECAST, STONE, CONCRETE AND MORE TRADITIONAL. THE
17 INTERIOR IS A LITTLE BIT LIKE DISNEY WAS INSIDE AND WAS PULLED
18 OUT OF THE INTERIOR. FRANK GEHRY CALLS IT LIKE A GEODE. IF YOU
19 THINK LIKE THE GEODE, THE EXTERIOR IS A HARD SHELL AND THE
20 JEWEL PIECE IS ON THE INTERIOR. AND THAT IS THE WAY WE'VE
21 LOOKED AT IT FOR GRAND AVENUE. THE CONNECTION TO OLIVE IS
22 IMPORTANT, AS WELL. WE NOW JUMPED DOWN TO THE OLIVE STREET
23 LEVEL WHERE THERE IS THAT PEDESTRIAN CONNECTION THAT GOES FROM
24 OLIVE AND WINDS ITS WAY ALL THE WAY UP TO GRAND. THE
25 RESIDENTIAL LOBBY AT SECOND AND OLIVE IS FRONTED THERE WHERE



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1 THERE'S PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIONS AS WELL AS VEHICULAR
2 CONNECTIONS TO THE RESIDENTIAL TOWER. AT THE OLIVE AND FIRST
3 CORNER IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE-- THERE'S A MULTI-USE FOOD,
4 BEVERAGE AND ENTERTAINMENT THAT WILL BE PROGRAMMED IN
5 CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEVELOPMENT. IN ADDITION, WE'VE TALKED TO
6 THE L.A. PHILHARMONIC, THE MUSIC CENTER AND THE COLBURN
7 SCHOOL. THEY'VE GOT A NEED FOR SMALLER PERFORMANCE BLACK BOX
8 TYPE SPACES. SO WE'RE WORKING WITH THEM ON PROGRAMMING THIS
9 THROUGHOUT THE WEEK. SO IT'S NOT JUST AN ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE
10 HOTEL AND THE DISTRICT. IT'S ALSO ASSISTING THE COLBURN WITH
11 THEIR PROGRAMMING AND THE MUSIC CENTER, AS WELL. SO AT THE
12 STREET LEVEL AT FIRST AND OLIVE, THAT CORNER IS ACTIVATED AS
13 WELL AS THE VEHICULAR ENTRY FOR SELF-PARK AND FOR RETAIL. AND
14 MOVING DOWN AGAIN, RESIDENTIAL LOBBY FOR BOTH THE CONDOMINIUM
15 AND THE APARTMENTS AND THEN THAT PEDESTRIAN CONNECTION AS IT
16 MOVES UP, VALET PARKING, AND THEN MOVING UP MID-BLOCK,
17 STEPPING UP TOWARDS GRAND IS THE HOTEL ENTRY OFF OF FIRST
18 RIGHT HERE, VALET FOR THE HOTEL AND THEN EXIT FOR THE VALET
19 OFF OF SECOND AND ALSO AN ENTRY MID-BLOCK FOR THE RESIDENCE,
20 AS WELL. ONE OTHER POINT TO HELP DISPERSE TRAFFIC, AND I'LL
21 JUMP BACK DOWN TO OLIVE, IS THE RESIDENTIAL ENTRY IS OFF OF
22 LOWER GRAND. AND THOSE THAT LIVE IN DOWNTOWN KNOW THAT ONE WAY
23 TO AVOID TRAFFIC IS TO USE THE LOWER GRAND. WE USE IT AT
24 DISNEY FOR THE TRUCK LOADING DOCK ACROSS. WE'RE USING IT FOR
25 THE TRUCK LOADING DOCK FOR GRAND AVENUE. BUT ALSO AT THIS



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1 POINT WE'RE USING IT AS A RESIDENTIAL ENTRY INTO THE GARAGE,
2 TAKING CARS OFF OF UPPER GRAND, OFF OF FIRST AND OLIVE AND
3 SECOND AND DISPERSING TRAFFIC, AS WELL. THIS IS A VIEW OF THE
4 CONNECTION FROM OLIVE. SO OLIVE IN THE FOREGROUND, LOOKING
5 THROUGH THAT THE BREAK BETWEEN THE PODIUM AND THE TWO TOWERS,
6 YOU CAN SEE DISNEY IN THE BACKGROUND. SO HERE'S THAT
7 PEDESTRIAN CONNECTION AS IT MOVES UP TO THE PLAZA AND UP
8 TOWARDS GRAND. THERE'S ALSO THREE LEVELS OF PARKING BELOW. YOU
9 CAN SEE OVER HERE IN THE DIAGRAM ON THE SIDE, DOWN LOWER,
10 TOTAL OF 1350 SPACES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT. IN THE TOWERS, TOWER
11 1 IS THE HOTEL TOWER. YOU CAN SEE DISNEY IN THE BACKGROUND.
12 WE'RE LOOKING AT IT FROM OLIVE. THERE ARE 24 FLOORS, 300 ROOMS
13 IN THE HOTEL. THE HOTEL ROOMS ARE SHOWN IN PURPLE WITH THE
14 HOTEL PROGRAM AREAS. THERE ARE TWO LEVELS OF OFFICE, 40,000
15 SQUARE FEET OF OFFICE IN TOWER 1 FOR THE HOTEL TOWER AND THEN
16 THE RETAIL AS WE LOOKED AT BEFORE AS ONE OF LEVELS 1 AND 2
17 PODIUM ABOVE THE PLAZA. TOWER 2 IS THE RESIDENTIAL TOWER. 380
18 APARTMENTS AND A PORTION, A PERCENTAGE OF THOSE ARE AFFORDABLE
19 AND THEN THE OTHER PORTION ARE MARKET RATES. AND THEN THERE'S
20 ALSO 70 CONDOMINIUMS IN THE TOP OF THE RESIDENTIAL TOWER. THAT
21 FITNESS CENTER AT THE BASE OF THE RESIDENTIAL TOWER IN RETAIL,
22 AS WELL. FOR CONTEXT, HERE'S DISNEY IN THE FOREGROUND. AND THE
23 CONNECTIONS ARE IMPORTANT FOR US. NOT ONLY AGAIN THE
24 CONNECTIONS ACROSS FROM DISNEY BUT STARTING TO LOOK AT THE
25 STREET SCAPE, WE'D LIKE TO PROPOSE IS THAT SPECIAL PAVING THAT



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1 CONNECTS ACROSS FROM DISNEY ACROSS GRAND BE EXTENDED. WE'RE
2 TALKING TO THE BROAD AS WELL. THEY'RE LOOKING AT THE STREET-
3 SCAPE CONNECTION ACROSS TO THE COLBURN SCHOOL FROM THE BROAD,
4 AND THEN ALSO CONNECTION AS LONG FIRST, PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIONS
5 WITH ENTRIES TO THE PROJECT ALONG FIRST, AS WE MENTIONED ON
6 OLIVE, AS WELL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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8 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IT IS REALLY A MUCH-IMPROVED
9 DESIGN. WHEN WE LOOKED AT IT INITIALLY, THE RIGHT-OF-WAY, THE
10 ACCESS FROM ALL LEVELS CREATING THAT CONNECTION, ALL ASPECTS
11 FOR REIMAGINING GRAND AVENUE IN THE ELEMENTS WERE REALLY
12 COVERED BY THIS SPECTACULAR DESIGN BY FRANK GEHRY AND HIS
13 TEAM. AND IT REALLY, IT TAKES AWAY FROM WHAT WE HAD BEFORE
14 WHICH WAS VERY ENCLOSED, VERY FORT LIKE. THIS OPENS UP. IT
15 REALLY CREATES AN ENVIRONMENT OF A LOT OF ACTIVITY AND A LOT
16 OF CONNECTIVITY TO THE REST OF DOWNTOWN, WHICH IS VERY
17 PLEASING. AND SO WE'RE VERY EXCITED ABOUT THE PROPOSED
18 DEVELOPMENT AND THE PROPOSED DESIGN. I DON'T KNOW IF MY
19 COLLEAGUES HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** QUESTIONS?

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHY ARE WE FOCUSING ON A FOUR-STAR AND NOT A
24 FIVE-STAR HOTEL?

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1 **CINDY STARRETT:** SUPERVISOR, THIS IS CINDY STARRETT FROM LATHAM
2 & WATKINS. WE THINK THAT S.B.E.'S S.L.S. HOTEL IS THE RIGHT
3 FIT FOR THIS SITE. IT'S VERY URBAN. THIS IS A LOS ANGELES-
4 BASED COMPANY THAT UNDERSTANDS URBAN DEVELOPMENT. AND THE
5 MARKET HERE INCLUDES NOT ONLY PATRONS FROM THE MUSIC CENTER
6 AND THE OTHER ARTS INSTITUTIONS BUT ALSO THE INCREASING URBAN
7 VIBRANCY OF DOWNTOWN. THEY ALSO WILL BRING A NUMBER OF RETAIL
8 AND DINING OUTLETS THAT WE THINK ARE A GREAT FIT FOR THIS
9 SITE. SO WE THINK OVERALL THEY'RE A GREAT PARTNER.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT DOES A FIVE-STAR HOTEL BRING?

12

13 **CINDY STARRETT:** WE CAN ASK BILL WITTE FROM RELATED TO COME UP
14 AND PROVIDE MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION. BUT WE PREVIOUSLY HAD A
15 FIVE-STAR THAT WAS INTERESTED IN THIS SITE. BUT GIVEN THE
16 CHANGES IN DOWNTOWN AND GIVEN ALL THE NEEDS OF THIS SITE
17 INCLUDING THE COMMENTS THE AUTHORITY HAD ON THE PRIOR DESIGN,
18 REMINDING US THAT THIS NEEDS TO SERVE THE RESIDENTS OF
19 DOWNTOWN AS WELL AS VISITORS TO DOWNTOWN, WE THINK THE FOUR-
20 STAR S.B.E. IS A MUCH BETTER FIT.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IN COURT YESTERDAY THEY WERE MENTIONING, IN
23 THE FEDERAL COURT, THAT WE HAVE 175 CONVENTIONS A YEAR. AND
24 THERE WAS A LACK OF HOTEL SPACE, ET CETERA. AND WHEN YOU
25 TRAVEL TO OTHER AREAS, THEY ALWAYS FEATURE A FIVE-STAR HOTEL



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1 AS AN ATTRACTION TO BRING ADDITIONAL CONVENTIONS, TOURISM, ET
2 CETERA. AND I DON'T UNDERSTAND IF YOU'RE ACROSS THE STREET
3 FROM THE FIRST CLASS DISNEY CONCERT HALL, WORLD FAMOUS AND
4 MUSIC CENTER, ET CETERA, ET CETERA, YOU DON'T HAVE A FIVE-STAR
5 HOTEL TO MARKET THE AREA.

6

7 **BILL WITTE:** SUPERVISOR, TO THE QUESTION OF THE FIVE-STAR
8 HOTEL, FIRST OF ALL, THE HOTEL INDUSTRY HAS MORPHED A LITTLE
9 BIT. AND I THINK WE WOULD PROBABLY CHARACTERIZE THE S.L.S. AS
10 A 4-1/2 STAR. THE FIVE-STAR HOTEL, AS YOU SUGGEST, HAS
11 ULTIMATELY SORT OF A MORE INTENSIVE AND HIGHER LEVEL OF
12 SERVICE. THE 4-1/2 STAR HOTEL, THOUGH, AS CINDY INDICATED, WE
13 THINK IS VERY MUCH A COMPLEMENT IN THE WAY YOU HAVE BEEN
14 DESCRIBING IT TO WHAT EXISTS DOWNTOWN. THE ISSUE WITH THE
15 FIVE-STAR HOTEL QUITE FRANKLY IS, THERE ARE FEWER AND FEWER
16 LOCATIONS REALLY NATIONALLY WHERE ECONOMICALLY THEY WORK. THE
17 REQUIRED ROOM RATES ARE SO HIGH THAT WE THINK THAT IT WOULD BE
18 DIFFICULT TO MAKE IT WORK IN DOWNTOWN.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THE ROOM RATE IS WHAT ESTABLISHES THE
21 FIVE-STAR VERSUS A FOUR STAR?

22

23 **BILL WITTE:** YEAH.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO IT'S THE ROOM RATE THAT YOU CHARGE; IT'S
2 NOT THE SIZE OF THE ROOM.

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4 **BILL WITTE:** YES. AND THE OTHER THING THAT AS CINDY MENTIONED
5 THAT WAS IMPORTANT TO US HERE IS THAT S.B.E. THROUGH BOTH THE
6 S.L.S. HOTEL AS WELL AS OTHER RETAIL AND RESTAURANT ENTITIES
7 THAT IT CONTROLS CAN BRING A LOT OF ENERGY TO THE REST OF THE
8 SITE AND AT VARIOUS PRICE POINTS. SO BELIEVE ME, WE THOUGHT
9 LONG AND HARD ABOUT IT, BUT WE REALLY THINK IT'S THE BEST FIT.
10 AND THEY ARE VERY EAGER TO PARTICIPATE.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT DIFFERENT SERVICES ARE THERE? OR IS IT
13 JUST THE PRICE OF THE ROOM?

14

15 **BILL WITTE:** WELL, THE ROOM RATES ARE STILL TO BE DETERMINED.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO, I'M GOING FROM A FOUR TO A FIVE-STAR. YOU
18 MENTIONED THE PRICE OF THE ROOM IS ONE PREREQUISITE THAT YOU
19 NEED.

20

21 **BILL WITTE:** FOR EXAMPLE, TYPICALLY A FIVE-STAR HOTEL IN A
22 MAJOR CITY IN L.A., NEW YORK, SAN FRANCISCO, THE ROOM RATES
23 ARE GOING TO HAVE TO BE IN EXCESS OF \$500 A NIGHT.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT OTHER SERVICES ARE PROVIDED A FIVE-STAR
2 VERSUS A FOUR-STAR?

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4 **BILL WITTE:** YOU KNOW, IT'S REALLY JUST A QUESTION OF DEGREE.
5 THERE ARE MORE PERSONNEL PER ROOM. IT'S REALLY A QUESTION OF
6 DEGREE OF SERVICE.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ONE HAS A MINT ON THE PILLOW AND THE OTHER
9 ONE DOESN'T?

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11 **SUP. MOLINA:** THE QUALITY OF THE MINT.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DARK CHOCOLATE OR MILK CHOCOLATE.

14

15 **BILL WITTE:** SO WE PREFER TO LOOK AT THIS AS A 4-1/2 STAR HOTEL
16 THAT HAS SOME OF THE ATTRIBUTES OF A FIVE-STAR HOTEL, BUT IN
17 THE RATHER ARCANE DEFINITION THAT THE INDUSTRY USES WOULDN'T
18 TECHNICALLY QUALIFY.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. WELL, AS I SAID, WE'RE PRETTY EXCITED
25 ABOUT THIS DESIGN. IT HAS SO OF PROMISE FOR ALL OF US FROM THE



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1 STANDPOINT OF FINALLY GETTING A PLAN IN PLACE THAT'S GOING TO
2 BE EFFECTIVE FOR ALL INVOLVED IN THIS PARCEL Q DESIGN. SO
3 WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO GETTING A SIGNED FOURTH AMENDED
4 D.D.A., THAT'S WHERE WE ARE, THAT MEETS ALL THE DEAL POINTS
5 THAT WE HAD PREVIOUSLY APPROVED AND CONTAINS ALL OF THE
6 LANGUAGE THAT OUR TEAM SUBMITTED TO RELATED ON DECEMBER 6TH.
7 IT'S UNFORTUNATE FOR US THAT IT TOOK THEM ALMOST TO DECEMBER
8 18TH TO PROVIDE US WITH THAT AMENDED D.D.A., AND UNFORTUNATELY
9 IT IS SKELETAL AT BEST. BUT WE'RE PRETTY EXCITED ABOUT THIS
10 PROJECT AND THE ABILITY TO GET IT DONE. BUT WE ARE STILL INTO
11 SOME TIGHT DEADLINES THAT HAVE TO BE MET. WE'RE HOPING THAT
12 RELATED WILL MOVE EXPEDITIOUSLY TO FULFILL ALL OF THOSE THINGS
13 SO WE'LL HAVE AN ACCEPTABLE FOURTH AMENDED D.D.A. THAT IS
14 COMING UP. BUT EVEN WITH THE LOSS OF THOSE TWO WEEKS, I'M
15 HOPEFUL THAT WE ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO TURN IT AROUND, THAT
16 WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A SIGNED DOCUMENT, THAT IT WILL BE IN OUR
17 HANDS, WHICH IS DUE ON JANUARY THE 21ST NOW. THERE IS AN
18 ANXIETY ABOUT GETTING THIS PROJECT TO GO. WE WOULD ALL LIKE TO
19 SEE IT MOVE FORWARD, I'M SURE THE DEVELOPER AS MUCH OF ANY OF
20 US DO. I THINK THAT FRANK GEHRY IS VERY EXCITED, TO HEAR HIM
21 TALK ABOUT HIS DESIGN. YOU CAN ALMOST JUST SEE IT COME TO LIFE
22 WHEN HE PUTS THIS ALL TOGETHER. BUT IT HAS BEEN A SERIES OF
23 EXTENSIONS, 10 SO FAR; AND, VERY FRANKLY, IT IS SOMETHING THAT
24 HAS BEEN TROUBLING AS WE MOVE FORWARD. BUT VERY FRANKLY, THIS
25 DESIGN OVERWHELMS US FROM THE STANDPOINT OF LETTING ALL OF



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1 THAT, YOU KNOW, BE PASSED AND HOPEFULLY WE'LL FINISH UP THE
2 DOCUMENTS WITH THE MEETING THE DEADLINE THAT WE HAVE SET
3 BEFORE US ON JANUARY THE 21ST. SO I'M LOOKING FORWARD. I THINK
4 THAT YOU WILL AGREE THAT THIS MERITS YOUR APPROVAL IN DESIGN
5 CONCEPT AND THAT WE ARE READY TO START MOVING FORWARD. SO I
6 ASK FOR AN AYE VOTE ON THIS ITEM.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, IF I CAN JUST SAY A WORD?

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SURE.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WANT TO FIRST OF ALL THANK SUPERVISOR
13 MOLINA FOR HOLDING FIRM ON THE ORIGINAL DESIGN, WHICH WAS NOT
14 TO OUR SATISFACTION AND I DON'T THINK IT WAS TO ANYBODY'S
15 SATISFACTION AND IT GAVE EVERYBODY A CHANCE TO GO BACK TO THE
16 DRAWING BOARDS AND BRING IN THE KIND OF PEOPLE THAT NEEDED TO
17 BE IN THIS PROJECT TO MEET THE STANDARDS THAT WE ALL WANT. AND
18 SO I JUST WANT TO SALUTE HER AND THANK HER FOR HER
19 PERSEVERANCE. I DO WANT TO SAY HOW I'M VERY EXCITED BY THIS
20 DESIGN. AND IT'S-- NOT JUST FOR THE PROPERTY ITSELF, BUT AS
21 YOU INDICATED THE WAY IT INTEGRATES WITH DISNEY HALL, WHAT IT
22 DOES TO GRAND AVENUE, IT EMPHASIZES THE PEDESTRIAN SIDE OF
23 GRAND AVENUE. AND THAT'S SOMETHING THAT OVER THE LONG HAUL THE
24 CITY AND THE COUNTY SHOULD DESPERATELY WANT. I ALSO WANT TO
25 SAY THAT WHILE YOU HAD A NUMBER OF EXTENSIONS, I THINK WE HAVE



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1 TO RECOGNIZE THAT THIS PROJECT CAME ABOUT IN THE MIDDLE OR
2 REALLY THE ONSET OF THE GREAT RECESSION. THERE WEREN'T A LOT
3 OF REAL ESTATE PROJECTS BEING DONE IN THIS TOWN DURING THAT
4 PERIOD OF TIME. SO IT'S A GOOD THING, I THINK, THAT WE DIDN'T
5 PRESSURE YOU TO DO ANY OLD PROJECT ON THAT PROPERTY. AND THAT
6 WE WAITED FOR THE RIGHT PROJECT, SOMETHING THAT A LOT OF US
7 ADVOCATED FOR A LONG TIME. BECAUSE WE ONLY GET ONE CHANCE TO
8 BUILD ON THIS PIECE OF PROPERTY. AND THIS PROJECT WILL BE
9 BUILT FOR THE NEXT 100 YEARS OR MORE. SO WE MIGHT AS WELL WAIT
10 A YEAR, WAIT TWO YEARS, WAIT THREE YEARS TO GET THE RIGHT
11 PROJECT BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO LAST FOR 100. AND WHETHER IT WAS
12 THROUGH A STROKE OF GENIUS OR SERENDIPITY OR A COMBINATION OF
13 BOTH, THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED IN THIS PROJECT. SO WHAT WE HAD IS
14 GONE; WHAT WE HAVE IS A SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT AND THANKS TO
15 GLORIA AND HER STAFF AND THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE, IS TRYING TO
16 HERD ALL THE CATS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE GOT TO THIS POINT. SO I
17 THINK IT'S VERY EXCITING OPPORTUNITY. FOR THE FIRST TIME I
18 THINK WE SEE LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL. AND I THINK WE
19 CAN SAY SAFELY THAT WE'LL ALL LIVE LONG ENOUGH TO SEE IT
20 BUILT. LET'S HOPE IT'S THE CASE.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S A VERY POSITIVE OUTLOOK.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AS SOON AS I CAN GET RID OF MY COUGH, MR.
25 CHAIRMAN.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I WOULD CONCUR AND THANK SUPERVISOR
3 MOLINA FOR HER PERSISTENCE, AS WELL, TOO. THIS DESIGN IS
4 REALLY EXCITING VERSUS THE BUILDING BLOCKS THAT WE SAW
5 EARLIER. MY ONLY CONCERN IS WE ALWAYS ARE AT THAT POINT WHERE
6 WE NEED ONE OR TWO OR THREE MORE THINGS INTO THE D.D.A. PUT
7 THEM IN A ROOM AND GET IT DONE.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** GET IT DONE. THAT'S RIGHT.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. SECONDED BY
12 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

13

14 **BILL WITTE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND, MR. CHAIRMAN, AGAIN, I DON'T KNOW IF WE WANT
17 TO BRING UP THE RISK MANAGEMENT AND COST LITIGATION REPORT NOW
18 OR IF THERE ARE OTHER ITEMS THAT ARE MORE IMPORTANT, BUT THAT
19 ONE IS A SIGNIFICANT REPORT.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK I'D LIKE TO DO IT NOW EXCEPT I
22 THINK THERE ARE SOME MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT'S YOUR CALL.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I BELIEVE IT'S ITEM 19 IF I'M CORRECT.

2 AND THEN WE'LL DO ITEM 19, THEN DO 32, 33, 34?

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO, EXCUSE ME. I'M RUNNING THE MEETING,
7 DON'T WORRY. WE'LL CALL UP ITEM 19, REPORT FROM STAFF. AND
8 THEN WE HAVE SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT HAVE SIGNED
9 UP. I THINK PUBLIC WORKS WILL BE MAKING A REPORT, IF I'M
10 CORRECT. I'VE GOT IT UNDER CONTROL. WE'LL RUN THE MEETING FROM
11 UP HERE, IF YOU DON'T MIND. THIS ITEM WAS DISCUSSED
12 EXTENSIVELY AND THEN THERE WERE A NUMBER OF ISSUES THAT
13 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY WANTED ADDRESSED. AND THEN WE HAVE MOST
14 OF THE SAME FOLKS WHO SIGNED UP IN OPPOSITION BEFORE ARE HERE
15 TODAY, AS WELL. SO IF YOU WOULD GO AHEAD AND DO YOUR REPORT,
16 WE'LL SEE IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS AND THEN WE'LL CALL UP
17 FOR PUBLIC TESTIMONY.

18

19 **MARK PASTRELLA:** THANK YOU, CHAIRMAN KNABE. MARK PASTRELLA,
20 ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS. SUPERVISORS, ON DECEMBER
21 10TH, WE VISITED THE BOARD WITH THIS ITEM AND WE'RE HERE AGAIN
22 TO REPORT ON QUESTIONS THAT WERE ASKED AT THE LAST HEARING TO
23 CLARIFY THE PURPOSE OF THE ACTION AND TO ANSWER QUESTIONS YOU
24 MIGHT HAVE. IN ADDITION, WE'VE ALSO INVITED THE LEAD PROJECT
25 PROPONENT FOR ONE OF THE PROJECTS, BALLONA WETLANDS



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1 RESTORATION PROJECT, TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE
2 TODAY. SO GOING FORWARD, A REMINDER THAT THE ACTION BEFORE YOU
3 IS TO CONSIDER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE L.A. COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL
4 DISTRICT AND THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, A THREE-YEAR
5 AGREEMENT THAT PROVIDES FUNDS TO THE CORPS FOR TIMELY REVIEW
6 OF PERMIT APPLICATIONS FOR 404 AND 408 PERMITS. IT ALSO
7 INCLUDES THE ABILITY TO LIST PROJECTS AS PRIORITY PROJECTS FOR
8 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT OVER THE THREE-
9 YEAR PERIOD. THERE ARE ABOUT 10 OR 11 PROJECTS THAT WE'VE
10 LISTED AS PRIORITY PROJECTS. THOSE PROJECTS WERE DONE
11 BASICALLY SURVEYING OUR NEEDS OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS AND
12 ATTEMPTING TO LOOK AT WHAT WOULD BECOME PRIORITIES FOR THE
13 FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT DURING THAT PERIOD. ONE OF THE
14 QUESTIONS THAT CAME UP OR ONE OF THE PROJECTS THAT WAS
15 QUESTIONED IN OUR LAST REPORT WAS THE BALLONA WETLANDS
16 RESTORATION PROJECT THAT I MENTIONED EARLIER. THIS PROJECT IS
17 A WETLANDS PROJECT. IT'S LISTED IN THE M.O.A., AS I STATED.
18 AND I WANT TO JUST TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT BALLONA CREEK WITH
19 RESPECT TO RESPONSIBILITIES OF FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT TO COVER
20 SOME OF THE QUESTIONS ASKED. BALLONA CHANNEL WAS BUILT BY THE
21 CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND THE O&M IN THE '30S. IT INVOLVED A
22 LEVEE THAT ACTUALLY CONTAINED BALLONA CREEK AND DIRECTED THOSE
23 FLOWS OUT TO THE PACIFIC OCEAN NEAR MARINA DEL REY. IT'S BEEN
24 PROVIDING FLOOD PROTECTION FOR SOME TIME. IT'S DONE A PRETTY
25 GOOD JOB OF THAT. IT'S ALSO DIRECTING SEDIMENT AND POLLUTION



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1 TO THE SANTA MONICA BAY AT A REGULAR RATE. THE FLOOD CONTROL
2 DISTRICT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THESE
3 LEVEES, AND THEREFORE WE'RE INVOLVED IN THE AREA. WE HAVE
4 EASEMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING LEVEES. THE STATE
5 FISH AND WILDLIFE APPROACHED THE L.A. FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT
6 IN 2011 WITH A PROPOSAL-- THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA APPROACHED
7 L.A. COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT IN 2011 WITH A PROPOSAL TO
8 MODIFY THESE LEVEES. MODIFYING THE LEVEES REQUIRES A PERMIT
9 FROM BOTH THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT AND THE ARMY CORPS OF
10 ENGINEERS. UNDER FEDERAL LAW, ANY PROJECT BUILT BY THE FEDERAL
11 GOVERNMENT REQUIRES FEDERAL APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT WHETHER
12 THE CORPS IS THE OWNER AND OPERATOR, AND IN THIS CASE THEY
13 AREN'T. WE ARE THE OWNER AND OPERATOR OF THE LEVEE. THE BOARD
14 HAD REQUESTED IN FUTURE TO APPROACH FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT
15 ISSUING OF PERMITS. SO I WANT TO BE CLEAR THAT THERE'S
16 BASICALLY THREE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
17 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS UNDER THIS PROJECT. ONE, AS AN OWNER AND
18 OPERATOR OF THE LEVEES, WE WILL BE REQUIRED TO ACT ON A FLOOD
19 CONTROL DISTRICT PERMIT TO ALTER THE LEVEES. WE WILL ALSO BE
20 REQUIRED TO ACT AS AN APPLICANT FOR THE 408 PERMIT WITH THE
21 CORPS OF ENGINEERS. AND AS A RESPONSIBLE AGENCY UNDER
22 C.E.Q.A., WE WOULD BE REQUIRED TO REVIEW AND RESPOND TO ANY
23 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT IN ASSOCIATION WITH THIS PROJECT. THE
24 FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT IS NOT THE LEAD AGENCY IN THIS PROJECT
25 UNDER C.E.Q.A. UNDER THE DEFINITION OF C.E.Q.A., AND WE DON'T



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1 INTEND TO BE THE LEAD AGENCY BECAUSE THE PROJECT GOES WELL
2 BEYOND THE SCOPE OF OUR OPERATIONS AND OUR OWNERSHIP IN THIS
3 AREA. YOU ASKED ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND PUBLIC INPUT.
4 THE STATE IS THE LEAD AGENCY, AS I STATED, UNDER C.E.Q.A. AND
5 IS CURRENTLY PREPARING A DRAFT E.I.R. WE WOULD EXPECT THE
6 STATE OF CALIFORNIA WILL FOLLOW ALL THE RULES RELATED TO
7 C.E.Q.A.. THE PUBLIC WILL HAVE A COMPREHENSIVE OPPORTUNITY TO
8 COMMENT ON THIS PROJECT WHEN THE DRAFT E.I.R. IS CIRCULATED
9 FOR PUBLIC REVIEW. WE DO RECOMMEND AT THIS TIME THAT YOU LEAVE
10 THIS PROJECT AS A PRIORITY PROJECT FOR THE FLOOD CONTROL
11 DISTRICT WITH RESPECT TO 408 REVIEW. A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THAT.
12 THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS CURRENTLY IS QUITE UNDER
13 RESOURCED. AS YOU KNOW, FEDERAL BUDGET HAS LIMITED THE CORPS'S
14 ABILITY TO PROVIDE SERVICES ACROSS THE NATION. AND IT HAS NOT
15 BEEN A PRIORITY OF THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO REVIEW NEW
16 PROJECTS. WE'VE ACTUALLY HEARD FROM THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS ON
17 A NUMBER OF OUR PROJECTS INCLUDING THOSE ON THIS LIST AND THEY
18 BASICALLY TOLD US THEY HAVE NO RESOURCES FOR ANY OF THOSE
19 PROJECTS WITHOUT SOME FUNDING COMING FROM LOCAL AGENCIES. SO
20 PURPOSELY WE'RE LISTING THESE BECAUSE WE BELIEVE THEY ARE THE
21 PRIORITY OF THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, AND YOUR PRIORITY WITH
22 RESPECT TO OUR AGENCY'S MISSION IN THE AREA. SO, WITH THAT I
23 ALSO HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PROJECT AS I SAID, LEE HERE,
24 DR. SHELLEY LUCE IS HERE FROM THE SANTA MONICA BAY RESTORATION



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1 COMMISSION, IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FOR HER OR ME, I'D BE
2 HAPPY TO TAKE THEM.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS HAD A QUESTION
5 ON THAT.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN. MAY I
8 JUST INDICATE THE FOLLOWING, THAT MY OFFICE HAS RECEIVED A LOT
9 OF FEEDBACK ON THE WETLANDS PROJECT, BOTH SIDES OF THE
10 DISCUSSION; THAT IS TO SAY IN SUPPORT AS WELL AS IN
11 OPPOSITION. AND IT'S FAIR TO SAY I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THE FACT
12 THAT THE COUNTY HAS NOT DONE ALL THAT MIGHT BE CONSIDERED TO
13 BE THE BEST JOB IN CLARIFYING HOW THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
14 WITH THE CORPS THAT THE BOARD IS BEING IS ASKED TO APPROVE
15 TODAY RELATES TO THE WETLANDS PROJECT. SO I THINK A LOT OF
16 EFFORT HAS TO BE PUT FORTH IN THAT REGARD. BUT IF I WERE TO
17 SUMMARIZE WHAT I UNDERSTAND TO BE THE KEY ISSUES, THE PROJECT
18 WAS INITIATED BY THE SANTA MONICA BAY RESTORATION COMMISSION
19 TO RESTORE THE BALLONA WETLANDS. AS ENVISIONED, THE PROJECT
20 WOULD IMPROVE WATER QUALITY, RESTORE NATIVE HABITAT AND
21 MAINTAIN FLOOD PROTECTION, THAT WOULD BE THE SECOND POINT. AND
22 IN ORDER TO EVALUATE WHETHER THEIR PROPOSAL CAN MEET THESE
23 OBJECTIVES, AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT MUST BE COMPLETED,
24 WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR RELEASE NEXT FALL. NOW SINCE THE LAND
25 IS OWNED BY THE CORPS IT IS CRITICAL TO ENGAGE THEM IN EVERY



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1 ELEMENT OF DISCUSSION, MR. CHAIRMAN AND COLLEAGUES. THE ONLY
2 WAY TO DO THAT IS TO APPLY FOR A 4-A PERMIT, WHICH ALLOWS THE
3 STAFF TO BE DESIGNATED TO WORK ON THE PROJECT AND PROVIDE
4 ALTERNATIVES AS TO THE DRAFT E.I.R. THAT IS BEING DEVELOPED.
5 SO TO ME IT MAKES SENSE THAT THESE PROCESSES HAPPEN IN TANDEM,
6 PARALLEL PROCESS. NOTHING MORE, NOTHING LESS. AND I UNDERSTAND
7 THAT THERE ARE STRONG OPINIONS ABOUT THIS. AND THERE ARE
8 CONTINUED DEBATE ISSUES AND ALL OF THAT IS APPROPRIATE AND
9 APPRECIATED. BUT I BELIEVE MORE APPROPRIATE TIME AND PLACE FOR
10 ENGAGING THOUGHTFULLY ON THIS IS WHEN ALL THE ALTERNATIVES
11 HAVE BEEN MORE FULLY DEVELOPED AND PRESENTED THROUGH THE
12 E.I.R. PROCESSES. IT'S RATIONAL. IT'S PUBLIC. IT HAS ITS OWN
13 STANDARDS. IT IS NOT CONSIDERED TO BE AS SUBJECTIVE AS OUR
14 PROCESSES WOULD BE. AND THEREFORE IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WE ARE
15 IN ORDER. WE ARE VERY PUBLIC. WE ARE VERY TRANSPARENT ABOUT
16 THIS. AND IT'S A GOOD THING. AND IT WILL PROVIDE A FORUM IN
17 WHICH PROS AND CONS CAN BE APPROPRIATELY BROUGHT FORWARD. I
18 THINK CLARIFICATION IS WROUGHT WHEN WE CAN SPEAK PLAINLY TO IT
19 AND DISPOSE OF IT ACCORDINGLY. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I JUST
20 WANTED TO WEIGH IN AT THAT POINT.

21
22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS
23 OF STAFF AT THIS PARTICULAR POINT? WE RECEIVED A LETTER OF
24 SUPPORT FROM THE FRIENDS OF BALLONA WETLANDS AND THAT'S BEING
25 PASSED OUT. THAT'S FOR THE RECORD. ALSO, BEFORE WE GET INTO



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1 THE PUBLIC COMMENT PIECE, I'M GOING TO ASK MR. AARON ALLEN
2 FROM THE ARMY CORPS IF HE COULD SPEAK TO THE ISSUE, PLEASE.

3

4 **AARON ALLEN:** MY NAME IS AARON ALLEN. I'M CHIEF OF THE NORTH
5 COAST BRANCH FOR THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS. AND I'LL PROVIDE JUST
6 A BRIEF OVERVIEW, BUT THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS HAS ABOUT 15 OF
7 THESE WATER AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS COUNTIES AND CITIES IN
8 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. AND THE IDEA IS THAT NONFEDERAL, PUBLIC
9 ENTITIES HAVE THE ABILITY TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO THE CORPS OF
10 ENGINEERS. THE FIRST THING THAT IT PROVIDES IS A P.O.C. FOR
11 ALL THAT ENTITY'S PROJECTS SO THEY KNOW WHO'S HANDLING ALL
12 THEIR APPLICATIONS. THE SECOND THING IT ALLOWS IS THE COUNTY
13 OR THE CITY TO PRIORITIZE THOSE APPLICATIONS THAT THEY WANT
14 THE CORPS TO EVALUATE FIRST. AND WE FOUND THAT THERE'S A LOT
15 OF SUCCESS WITH THESE BOARD AGREEMENTS. BUT REALLY I'M HERE TO
16 ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE ABOUT THE WATER PROGRAM AND HOW
17 THIS SPECIFIC AGREEMENT RELATES TO THE VARIOUS PROJECTS ON THE
18 LIST.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IF YOU WOULD, THEN, JUST PLEASE STAND BY
21 AND WE'RE GOING TO BRING THE PUBLIC UP FOR FURTHER QUESTIONS
22 OF YOU AND STAFF, WE WILL DO SO. ALLOW HIM TO COME UP THERE
23 WITH YOU, MAYBE, WITH STAFF. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO
24 SIGNED UP BOTH FOR AND AGAINST. I THINK I HAVE CLOSE TO 30
25 SOME SPEAKERS SIGNED UP. SIGN UP FOR ONE MINUTE EACH. AND I'LL



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1 CALL YOU UP IN GROUPS OF FOUR. JAMES GARRETT, JUDITH DAVIES,
2 KATHY KNIGHT, WILLIAM DELORME, IF I SAY THAT CORRECT, WILL BE
3 THE FIRST FOUR. JUST COME FORWARD AND TAKE A SEAT. WHOEVER
4 WANTS TO START, JUST GIVE US YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD AND THEN
5 BEGIN YOUR TESTIMONY BOTH EITHER FOR OR AGAINST. THOUGH I
6 DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY QUESTION WHERE YOU ARE.

7

8 **JAMES GARRETT:** HI, I'M JAMES GARRETT. AND I'M ASKING YOU TO
9 TAKE BALLONA OFF THE PRIORITY LIST ATTACHED TO THE MEMORANDUM
10 OF AGREEMENT. THE PUBLIC HAS NOT BEEN INCLUDED FOR ANY OF THE
11 INVOLVEMENT IN THIS ISSUE THAT USES PUBLIC MONEY FOR THE 408
12 APPLICATION REVIEW. THE 408 APPLICATION REVIEW IS PREMISED ON
13 FALSE AND MISLEADING INFORMATION. TAXPAYER ABUSE AND WASTE OF
14 FUNDING IS AT ISSUE. THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

17

18 **JUDITH DAVIES:** THANK YOU. I'M JUDITH DAVIES. I LIVE IN SANTA
19 MONICA. OTHER PEOPLE ARE GOING TO ADDRESS THE PRESERVATION OF
20 THE HABITAT, WHICH TO ME IS VERY, VERY IMPORTANT, OF COURSE.
21 BUT I ALSO WANTED TO BRING UP SOMETHING THAT IS DEAR TO ME.
22 I'M A COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM MEMBER. I VOLUNTEER IN
23 SANTA MONICA. AND I'VE BECOME ACUTELY AWARE, AS WE ALL ARE, OF
24 THE EARTHQUAKE INEVITABILITY IN OUR AREA. AND I PUT IN THE
25 SHEET OF CALIFORNIA COASTLINE AND THE EARTHQUAKE ACTIVITY JUST



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1 FOR YOUR REFERENCE, JUST TO LOOK AT IT, THAT THIS IS A
2 TREMENDOUS FEAR OF MINE THAT TSUNAMIS OR RAISING OF OCEAN
3 LEVELS, WHICH NOBODY REALLY CAN PREDICT OR BE IN AGREEMENT ON,
4 EVEN, BUT IN THOSE WORST CASE SCENARIOS, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A
5 FLOODPLAIN THAT HAS BEEN DRASTICALLY ALTERED. I MEAN BASICALLY
6 YOU HAVE A BATHTUB. YOU SIT IN YOUR BATHTUB. THE WATER RISES.
7 THERE'S NO PLACE FOR IT TO GO EXCEPT PERHAPS EVEN A BORE
8 EFFECT GOING UP THE CREEK. SO YOU MIGHT HAVE A SITUATION
9 WHERE--

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. THANK YOU. KATHY
12 AND THEN WILLIAM AND THEN I'LL CALL UP SUSAN GOODMAN, RUTH
13 SARNOFF, AND DARYL GALE?

14

15 **KATHY KNIGHT:** MY NAME IS KATHY KNIGHT. I'M WITH THE BALLONA
16 ECOSYSTEM EDUCATION PROJECT AND WE AGAIN ASK YOU TO PLEASE
17 TAKE THIS OFF THE PRIORITIES LIST, AND HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING
18 WITH PUBLIC WORKS ON IT. THIS ISSUE IS VERY IMPORTANT. THE
19 GROUP YOU MENTIONED, FRIENDS OF BALLONA WETLANDS SIGNED A
20 SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN '89 AND COULDN'T KEEP FIGHTING FOR
21 THIS LAND. SO MANY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE BEEN FIGHTING TO
22 SAVE THIS LAST PART OF OUR 2 PERCENT OF OUR COASTAL WETLANDS
23 LEFT IN L.A. COUNTY. IT'S VERY IMPORTANT. OPENING UP BALLONA
24 CREEK WILL BRING A HUGE AMOUNT OF POLLUTION INTO THIS LAND.
25 IT'S NOT GOOD FOR THE WILDLIFE. IT'S ALSO A WASTE OF COUNTY



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1 FUNDS TO DO THIS, BECAUSE THIS FLOOD CONTROL SYSTEM IS WORKING
2 VERY WELL. PEOPLE WALK UP AND DOWN IT. AND IT'S KEEPING THE
3 AREA SAFE. AND THIS PROPOSAL, YOU ALWAYS, THIS ONE PROPOSAL
4 SET OUT. AND WE HAVE A HARD TIME BECAUSE THERE'S A LOT OF IN
5 STUFF LIKE SHELLEY LUCE IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE BAY
6 FOUNDATION, AS I UNDERSTAND AND ALSO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
7 SANTA MONICA BAY RESTORATION COMMISSION WHICH HAS NOT HAD A
8 PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS PROPOSAL HERE. SO THERE'S A LOT OF
9 BEHIND-THE-SCENES MIXING THAT THE PUBLIC IS HAVING A REALLY
10 HARD TIME DEALING WITH. MY TIME IS EXPIRED. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

13

14 **WILLIAM DELORME:** YEAH, IT SEEMS THERE IS AN ISSUE OF
15 TRANSPARENCY REGARDING THE CITIZENS WHO HAVE FORMED THIS
16 RESERVE IN THE FIRST PLACE. AND I THINK THE PROPOSAL AS FAR AS
17 THE RESTORATION DESIGN, I THINK IT'S VERY FLAWED. I THINK IT'S
18 TOO DRASTIC TO BULLDOZE AND DEFILE THE AREA, AND TO MAKE IT
19 INTO WHAT? I MEAN THERE'S BEEN PROBLEMS IN MALIBU REGARDING
20 THIS TYPE OF INSERTION INTO THE NATURAL HABITAT. AND I THINK
21 IT EXISTS RIGHT AT BALLONA RIGHT NOW. AND I THINK EVERYBODY IN
22 ATTENDANCE TODAY WHO IS FIGHTING THIS PROPOSAL WANTS MORE
23 AIRING AS TO WHAT CONSTITUTES POSITIVE RESTORATION.

24



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SUSAN GOODMAN, RUTH SARNOFF
2 AND THEN DARYL GALE AND JOHN DAVIS.

3

4 **SUSAN GOODMAN:** HI, I'M SUSAN GOODMAN AND I'M HERE TODAY--

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MA'AM, YOU'RE BLOCKING THE MICROPHONE
7 THERE.

8

9 **SUSAN GOODMAN:** I'M HERE TODAY TO SPEAK TO THE WONDERFUL,
10 WONDERFUL CREATURES WHO CAN'T SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES.
11 [INAUDIBLE] OKAY. PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANY TOXIC WATER INTO MY
12 HOME. THESE WONDERFUL _____ EGRET, THE OWL, THE HERON. THEY
13 WOULD LIKE TO LIVE THEIR LIFE WHERE THEY BELONG.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

16

17 **RUTH SARNOFF:** MY NAME IS RUTH SARNOFF. I CAME TODAY BECAUSE I
18 THINK THE WORD "RESTORATION" TELLS IT ALL. THIS IS SUPPOSED TO
19 BE LAND KEPT PRISTINE AND MADE PRISTINE BY THE INTENTIONS OF
20 PREVIOUS PEOPLE REVIEWING AND SETTING UP. THAT'S WHY IT'S
21 THERE. THE LAST 600 ACRES, I BELIEVE, OF THE WETLANDS. WE
22 DECIMATED ALL OF OUR RED- WOODS DOWN TO THE LAST 5 PERCENT AND
23 NOW WE HAVE THE WETLANDS IN THE SAME SITUATIONS. I CAME HERE
24 IN 1945. IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL THING TO SEE. AND I GUESS IT'S NOT
25 GOING TO STOP UNTIL THE BULLDOZERS AND THE CEMENT LAYERS AND



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1 ALL THE PEOPLE TRY TO GO IN AND DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT. I HAVE
2 AN ARTICLE FROM THE SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN FROM 2012, 1/26 ON HOW
3 NEW ORLEANS' PROTECTION PLAN WILL RELY ON WETLANDS TO HOLD
4 BACK HURRICANES. AGAIN JANUARY 26TH, 2012. AND I WANT TO PUT
5 IT IN THE RECORD.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU CAN PUT IT IN THE RECORD IF YOU'D
8 LIKE TO.

9

10 **RUTH SARNOFF:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** DARYL GALE? IS DARYL HERE?

13

14 **DARYL GALE:** HI, I'M DARYL GALE AND I ONLY FOUND OUT ABOUT THIS
15 PROPOSAL A FEW DAYS AGO AND I BECAME VERY CONCERNED. WE HAVE
16 SO FEW NATURAL SPACES AND BALLONA CREEK IS ALREADY SEVERELY
17 TAINTED SINCE IT'S ADJACENT TO THE INGLEWOOD OIL FIELDS WHERE
18 WE HAVE FRACKING ISSUES WHICH IS ANOTHER TOTAL ISSUE TO
19 DISCUSS AT ANOTHER TIME. THE BALLONA WETLANDS ARE CRUCIAL FOR
20 WILDLIFE SURVIVAL AND ARE A PRECIOUS NATURAL RESOURCE FOR THE
21 PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY THE ARMY
22 CORPS OF ENGINEERS WANTS TO CONCRETE OVER THE LEVEES AND I'D
23 LIKE TO SEE PUBLIC HEARINGS AND MORE PUBLIC INFORMATION ON THE
24 ISSUE. THANK YOU.

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. JOHN AND THEN PAUL.

2

3 **JOHN DAVIS:** MAYOR, CAN I BE REFERRED TO AS MR. DAVIS?

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MR. DAVIS.

6

7 **JOHN DAVIS:** I'M NOT FAMILIAR WITH YOU, THANK YOU. I'M SPEAKING
8 ON BEHALF OF THE 750,000 MEMBERS OF THE SIERRA CLUB, A VERY
9 OLD AND RESPECTED INSTITUTION. THE COUNTY HAS ALREADY APPLIED
10 FOR 408 PERMIT FOR BALLONA THAT CONTAINS FALSE STATEMENTS.
11 IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANY AGENCY IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO
12 FIND A PROJECT ENVIRONMENTALLY ACCEPTABLE WITHOUT FIRST
13 ENGAGING THE C.E.Q.A. PROCESS AND THE PEOPLE. THIS APPEARS TO
14 BE A KNOWING AND INTENTIONAL ATTEMPT TO DEFRAUD THE UNITED
15 STATES AND THAT IS NOT PERMISSIBLE UNDER FEDERAL STATUTES.
16 PLEASE INSTRUCT YOUR STAFF TO WITHDRAW THE APPLICATION
17 IMMEDIATELY. THE ILLEGAL PROJECT SHOULD NOT ACT AS A POISON
18 PILL FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE FLOOD CONTROL PROJECTS THAT ARE
19 MERITORIOUS WHICH WE ALL SUPPORT. UNDER WHAT EXACT PROVISION
20 OF C.E.Q.A. DOES DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE ASSUME LEAD
21 AGENCY JURISDICTION FOR PURPOSES OF C.E.Q.A. OVER THE FLOOD
22 CONTROL CHANNEL, WHICH I'VE BEEN TOLD IS OWNED BY THE STATE
23 AND CONTROLLED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND IMPLEMENTED BY
24 THE COUNTY. AND DR. LUCE HAS NO AUTHORITY TO REPRESENT THE



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1 STATE. ASK HER FOR HER CREDENTIALS AND SHE WILL HAVE NONE.

2 THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MR. DAVIS. GARY GLESS? JOHN
5 ULLOTH, PAUL FERRAZZI AND MARCIA HANSCOM.

6

7 **GARY GLESS:** GARY GLESS, PRESIDENT, CITIZENS' COALITION FOR
8 SAFE COMMUNITY. IF POSSIBLE I WOULD LIKE TO CEDE MY TIME TO
9 PATRICIA MCPHERSON.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU CAN GO AHEAD AND SPEAK. WE DON'T
12 PASS TIME. SO YOU MIGHT WANT TO GIVE YOUR THOUGHTS.

13

14 **GARY GLESS:** WELL MY THOUGHT IS THAT THIS IS DEFINITELY NOT
15 NEEDED FOR FAST TRACK. I DEFINITELY WANT TO TAKE IT TO A
16 PUBLIC HEARING. I THINK THAT YOU'RE POTENTIALLY OPENING
17 YOURSELF TO LITIGATION. AND WE KNOW THAT THE COUNTY DOESN'T
18 HAVE THOSE TYPE OF FUNDS TO OPERATE.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT? CALL UP PATRICIA
21 MCPHERSON. GO AHEAD.

22

23 **JOHN ULLOTH:** JOHN ULLOTH. SUMMARIZE WHAT IS HOPEFULLY THE
24 FINAL TIME THE BOARD WILL EVER CONSIDER BULLDOZING BALLONA
25 THAT LAST REMAINING 600 ACRES OF THE LARGEST COASTAL BRACKISH



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1 WETLANDS IN L.A. COUNTY. THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS IS
2 DISINGENUOUS WHEN SHE WRITES THE PROPOSED ACTION TO ESTABLISH
3 M.O.A.S WILL NOT RESULT IN INDIRECT OR DIRECT CHANGES TO THE
4 ENVIRONMENT; ON THE OTHER HAND, AT BALLONA CHANGES TO THE
5 ENVIRONMENTS, SOME C.E.Q.A. WILL HAPPEN WITHOUT YOUR APPROVAL.
6 AND THEN, QUOTE, "THE BALLONA WETLANDS PROJECT IS STILL IN THE
7 DEVELOPMENT PHASE AND CURRENTLY PROPOSED INCLUDES REMOVAL AND
8 REPLACEMENT OF 4500 FEET OF CONCRETE CHANNEL WITH A MEANDERING
9 CHANNEL PLACEMENT OF APPROXIMATELY 600 ACRES OF THE COASTAL
10 WETLAND AND UPLAND HABITAT." THEY REALLY WANT TO TAKE IT ALL.
11 AND IT'S A WASTE OF MONEY TO RECONFIGURE THE CHANNEL. ILLEGAL
12 USE OF HUERTA MONEY. AND THIS IS THE CHALK THAT KEEPS THE
13 BULLDOZERS FROM ROLLING UP BALLONA. I URGE YOU TO SEVER THIS
14 FROM THE REST OF THE M.O.A. AGREEMENTS.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ELISE HICKS. IF YOU'LL JOIN
17 US, PLEASE. WHOEVER IS NEXT, GO AHEAD. MARCIA?

18

19 **MARCIA HANSCOM:** HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, MARCIA HANSCOM, BALLONA
20 INSTITUTE, AND ALSO COCHAIR OF THE SIERRA CLUB WETLANDS
21 COMMITTEE. THE REPORT THAT PUBLIC WORKS WROTE DID NOT ANSWER
22 THE CONCERNS POSED BY THE PUBLIC. AS YOU KNOW BY NOW, WE'RE
23 HERE TO OBJECT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE ARMY CORPS OF
24 ENGINEERS FOR EXPEDITING A SECTION 408 PERMIT THAT YOUR STAFF
25 SUBMITTED IN JULY AND SHOCKINGLY STAFF HAS NOW SAID THAT WHAT



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1 THEY WROTE IN THEIR APPLICATION TO THE ARMY CORPS IS NOT WHAT
2 IT MEANT. AND SO THAT APPLICATION, THEN, NEEDS TO BE WITHDRAWN
3 BECAUSE THERE IS MISLEADING INFORMATION INCLUDED IN THE
4 APPLICATION. NOW, A RESTORATION ECOLOGIST WITH 21 YEARS OF
5 EXPERIENCE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, DR. MARGOT GRISWALD HAS
6 SAID THE CURRENT ALTERNATIVE IGNORES THE MOST RECENT SCIENCE
7 ON THE SUBJECT OF THE HISTORICAL ECOLOGY OF THE SOUTHERN
8 CALIFORNIA ESTUARIES. THAT IS CRITICAL. THAT MEANS THE
9 ALTERNATIVE YOU HAVE SUBMITTED IN YOUR SECTION 408 PERMIT,
10 WHICH IS ALTERNATIVE 1, THAT IS COMPLETELY WHAT HAS BEEN
11 SUBMITTED IS ALTERNATIVE 1, HAS ALREADY BEEN DETERMINED AND IS
12 NOT BASED ON SCIENCE. THE MOST RECENT HISTORICAL ECOLOGY THAT
13 THE STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY ACTUALLY PAID THESE CONSULTANTS
14 TO COME UP WITH. SO IT'S REALLY CRITICAL THAT THIS START OVER.
15 TAKE OUT BALLONA. LET THE OTHER PROJECTS GO FORWARD, AND
16 WITHDRAW THE APPLICATION. THANK YOU.

17
18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

19
20 **PATRICIA MCPHERSON:** PATRICIA MCPHERSON, GRASSROOTS COALITION
21 AND SIERRA CLUB AIRPORT-MARINA GROUP. TO CONTINUE WITH WHAT
22 MARCIA JUST SAID, THE AREA HAS NOT HAD ANY ANALYSIS FOR FRESH
23 WATER ANALYSIS. THE SITE IS A HISTORICALLY FRESH- WATER,
24 SEASONAL WETLAND. THAT HASN'T BEEN ADDRESSED AT ALL. WHAT IS
25 NOT ADDRESSED IN THE APPLICATION AT ALL IS THE FACT THAT THEY



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1 ARE DEWATERING PLAYA VISTA WHO ARE SOME OF THE HEADS OF
2 FRIENDS OF BALLONA WHO RUN THE GROUP NOW. THEY HAVE NOT
3 ADDRESSED THE ILLEGAL DEWATERING GOING ON THROUGH A
4 NONPERMITTED ACTION ON THE WETLANDS CURRENTLY THAT THE COASTAL
5 COMMISSION IS CURRENTLY INVESTIGATING. YOU'VE NOT DEALT WITH
6 THE DEWATERING BY PLAYA VISTA TO KEEP WATER OUT OF THE GAS
7 INTAKE SYSTEMS. NONE OF THAT HAS BEEN DEALT WITH. BUT
8 PRIMARILY THIS HAS BEEN SOMETHING THAT IS A BACKROOM DEAL
9 GOING ON. I HAVE F.O.I.A.'D ALL THIS INFORMATION TO THE ARMY
10 CORPS OF ENGINEERS. THEY'VE DRAGGED THEIR FEET. THIS MAN HAS
11 NOT GIVEN ME. I HAVE P.R.A.'D THIS TO FISH AND GAME. THEY HAVE
12 NOT GIVEN ME THE INFORMATION. THE ONLY REASON I FOUND OUT, I
13 MADE A PHONE CALL TO THE COUNTY AND A MAN SAID, "I THINK I CAN
14 GIVE YOU THIS INFORMATION." HE GAVE ME AN F.T.P. SITE THAT
15 TURNED OUT TO BE THE FOUNDATION'S WEBSITE WHICH I WENT TO AND
16 I DID PICTURES OF ALL OF THE DOCUMENTS SO THAT I COULD THEN DO
17 A REAL P.R.A. TO GET IT. AND I WAS KNOCKED OFF THE WEBSITE.
18 THIS IS A COMPLETE SHAM BACKROOM DOOR DEAL. AND MR. KNABE,
19 YOUR INVOLVEMENT WITH THE THREE-STORY PARKING GARAGE STRUCTURE
20 IS DISGUSTING.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S NOT THE TOPIC HERE, THANK YOU.

23

24 **PATRICIA MCPHERSON:** THE PUBLIC KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT THAT,
25 EITHER. IT'S DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES AND HARBOR.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ELISE HICKS. HELEN GARRETT. DENNIS
3 AZEVEDO.

4

5 **PAUL FERRAZZI:** PAUL FERRAZZI, CITIZENS' COALITION FOR SAFE
6 COMMUNITY. I WOULD ASK THE COUNTY SUPERVISORS TO REMOVE THE
7 BALDWIN PROJECT FROM THIS APPLICATION. AND I WOULD SAY THE
8 ONLY WAY THIS APPLICATION WOULD MAKE SENSE IS IF ELECTIONS
9 COULD BE PURCHASED FOR OFFSPRING AND THE PLANNING DIRECTOR
10 COULD TAKE COUNTY MONEY AND LIE TO 24,787 RESIDENTS ABOUT THE
11 USE OF HYDRAULIC FRACTURING IN THE INGLEWOOD OIL FIELD. IN
12 FACT, IT EXISTS. AND IT'S EXACTLY OPPOSITE OF WHAT HE TOLD ALL
13 OF THOSE MEMBERS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN THE DISTRICT THAT
14 THE INGLEWOOD OIL FIELD EXISTS IN.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SUZANNE CUMMING? ARMANDO
17 HERMAN. GO AHEAD WHOEVER IS NEXT.

18

19 **ELISE HICKS:** MY NAME IS ELISE HICKS. I'M A RESIDENT OF MARINA
20 DEL REY. I UNDERSTAND THAT IS YOUR DISTRICT. AND I ONLY JUST
21 HEARD ABOUT THIS PROJECT. FROM WHAT I'M LEARNING, I'M PRETTY
22 OUTRAGED BY THE LACK OF TRANSPARENCY WITH THIS. I'M HERE
23 REPRESENTING THE CANCELING OF THE PROPOSAL TO REMOVE THE
24 LEVEES THAT WOULD GREATLY DAMAGE THE WILDLIFE THAT LIVE IN THE
25 BALLONA AREA. I AM PRIVILEGED TO HAVE A TREE OUTSIDE MY WINDOW



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1 WHERE THERE ARE NUMEROUS NESTS OF GREAT BLUE HERONS. THEY
2 WOULD NO LONGER BE ABLE TO LIVE THERE IF THIS PROJECT WENT
3 THROUGH. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

6

7 **HELEN GARRETT:** MY NAME IS HELEN GARRETT. I THINK I KNOW ALL OF
8 YOU PEOPLE FROM PREVIOUS ISSUES. YOU HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO IDEA
9 WHAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS ARE GOING TO BE HERE FOR THE
10 NEXT 20, 30, 40 AND 50 YEARS. WE ARE EXPERIENCING GLOBAL
11 WARMING AND THE EQUATOR IS HEATING UP AND GETTING MUCH
12 MOISTER. NOW, I'M NOT SAYING THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE AN
13 INUNDATION HERE IMMEDIATELY, WHAT I'M SAYING IS THAT THERE'S
14 VAST OSCILLATION IN THE WEATHER. AND SO WE MAY HAVE LONG
15 PERIODS OF DROUGHT AND THEN PERIODS OF INTENSE RAIN AND MORE
16 EL NINO-TYPE WEATHER. WE NEED THE DRAINAGE OUT FROM CRENSHAW,
17 FROM LA CIENEGA OUT TO THE OCEAN. AND THEN WE MAY ALSO HAVE
18 INCURSION OF SALT WATER IN TERRIBLE STORMS THAT WE HAVE
19 ABSOLUTELY NO IDEA OF THE INTENSITY OF THOSE STORMS. DON'T DO
20 THIS NOW. IT'S A MISTAKE. IT'S A HORRIBLE MISTAKE. AND YOU'LL
21 PAY FOR IT LATER. WE DON'T NEED A DISNEYLAND STREAM.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, NEXT?

24



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1 **DENNIS AZEVEDO:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DENNIS
2 AZEVEDO. I'M RETIRED L.A.P.D. AND CURRENTLY A DIRECTOR OF A
3 SMALL WATER COMPANY IN WHITTIER. I WAS STATIONED IN VENICE
4 DIVISION EARLY '80S. I HAVE A LOT OF FOND MEMORIES OF BALLONA
5 CREEK. I THINK MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS GAVE AN EXCELLENT SPEECH ON
6 THE SUBJECT. AND IF IN FACT YOU DO HAVE ANY PUBLIC MEETINGS OR
7 WHATEVER, I WOULD LOVE TO BE PART OF IT. I'D LIKE TO REMIND
8 EVERYBODY TO CONSERVE WATER AS MUCH AS YOU CAN. WE JUST HAD
9 THE DRIEST YEAR IN THE HISTORY SINCE RECORDS HAVE BEEN KEPT
10 SINCE 1877. AND AGAIN THANK YOU FOR LISTENING.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. CASSANDRA MURILLO, IF YOU'LL
13 JOIN US PLEASE, AND JOYCE DILLARD. NEXT?

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15 **SUZANNE CUMMING:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF
16 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS SUZANNE CUMMING, I'M A RESIDENT OF
17 MARINA DEL REY. AND I'M HERE TO REQUEST THAT YOU TAKE OUT THE
18 BALLONA PERMITS. TAKING THE PERMITS WOULD ALLOW POLLUTED WATER
19 FROM THE ENTIRE WATERSHED OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND BRING
20 POLLUTION FROM DODGERS STADIUM DOWN THROUGH TO BALLONA CREEK.
21 AND THIS WOULD AFFECT OUR BLUE HERONS, OUR OWLS, OUR EGRETS
22 AND ALL THE WILDLIFE THAT ARE IN THE BALLONA WETLANDS. I ALSO
23 WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR RECENTLY
24 VOTING FUNDS TO ENHANCE MARINA DEL REY. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT?

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3 **ARMANDO HERMAN:** FOR THE RECORD, OKLAHOMA SHIFT. IRREVERSIBLE
4 EFFECTS. TO WHAT? DISTURB THE WETLANDS? TO ELIMINATE SPECIES,
5 PLANTS AND BIRDS? FOR WHAT? THE DIRECTION OF A LEVEE? TO
6 MODIFY, UNDER FEDERAL DOLLARS? THIS IS RIDICULOUS. THIS IS THE
7 OUTRAGEOUSNESS OF WHAT THE 20 COMMISSION OF L.A. WAS SPEAKING
8 ABOUT: WASTE, ABUSE AND FRAUD. ALL I CAN SAY IS THAT THE
9 PEOPLE HERE JUST WANT YOUR ATTENTION TO CORRECT WHAT YOU'RE
10 GOING TO START, AND THAT IS AS WE ORDER A STOP WORK ACTION.
11 AND AGAIN LET'S HAVE LITIGATION THAT'S APPROPRIATE SO THAT
12 EVERY CONSTITUENT, ALL OF YOU IN THE COUNTY, ALL OF YOU IN LOS
13 ANGELES, ALL OF YOU STAKEHOLDERS CAN UNDERSTAND THAT THE
14 IMPACT, THE EFFECTS TO DESTROY WETLANDS THAT HAVE BEEN HERE
15 FROM A SECOND TO A MINUTE TO AN HOUR WILL BE BANISHED BY THE
16 BULL- DOZING AND THE INCOMPETENCE TO THINK OUTSIDE OF THE BOX.
17 OKLAHOMA, LET'S GO. WE WIN. [APPLAUSE.]

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT? DAVID DELLANGE, BRUCE CAMPBELL?
20 BRENT PEICH, IS IT, AND JACK NEFF. NEXT?

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22 **CASSANDRA MURILLO:** I'M CASSANDRA MURILLO, A RESIDENT OF MARINA
23 DEL REY. I ALSO OPPOSE THIS PROJECT CALLED A RESTORATION. I
24 DON'T KNOW HOW YOU CAN CONSIDER THIS. I THINK GENTLE
25 RESTORATIONS COULD BE DONE. OTHER PLANS COULD BE PUT IN PLACE.



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1 MY-- A BIG FOCAL POINT FOR ME IS ABOUT THIS ENVIRONMENTAL
2 REVIEW THAT IS DONE BY THE FISH AND GAME. AN ORGANIZATION
3 THAT'S BEEN SUPPOSEDLY OVERSEEING THIS PROPERTY BUT HAS DONE
4 NOTHING OVER THE YEARS, OVER THE 12 YEARS IT'S BEEN UNDER ITS
5 JURISDICTION. WE HAVE DOWNED FENCES, NEGLECT. AND THEY'RE
6 DOING THE REVIEW. I THINK WE NEED-- I DEMAND THAT WE HAVE A
7 PUBLIC REVIEW, AN INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF THIS ENVIRONMENTAL
8 IMPACT. SYMBOLICALLY I JUST WANT TO ADD THAT THE COUNTY SEAL
9 OF LOS ANGELES, THE PROMINENT FIGURE IS AN INDIAN MAIDEN AND
10 IN THE CENTER FLANKED BY SYMBOLS OF THE OCEAN AND THE
11 MOUNTAINS. SO, YOU KNOW, I JUST WANT TO PUT THAT OUT HERE THAT
12 THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE THE HEART OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.
13 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

16

17 **JOYCE DILLARD:** JOYCE DILLARD HAVE I'M GOING CALL THIS
18 BALLONAGATE BECAUSE I THINK YOU'RE BEING SET UP AS THE FIRST
19 PUBLIC AGENCY TO APPROVE SOMETHING BEFORE ALL THE FACTORS ARE
20 IN PLACE. LAST TUESDAY I WAS AT L.A. REGIONAL COLLABORATIVE
21 FOR CLIMATE ACTION SUSTAINABILITY MEETING ON THE RELEASE OF
22 SEA LEVEL RISE VULNERABILITIES STUDY FOR THE CITY OF LOS
23 ANGELES. THIS IS ABOUT FLOODING. ON THE COASTAL. ON THE COAST.
24 IT'S ABOUT THE U.S.C.C. GRANTS WEBSITE. DR. RHEINHART FLICK,
25 KNOWN AS RON FLICK, WAS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT CREDIBILITY OF



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1 DATA. HE ASKED FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR BEACH TIDAL DATA I'VE
2 EMAILED TO ASK HIM SPECIFICALLY WHAT HE WANTS BECAUSE I THINK
3 WE HAVE THE VOLUNTEERS BEHIND US. AS HE SAID IN APPENDIX 1 OF
4 THIS REPORT, THERE ARE AS YET NO PROVEN MODELS THAT CAN BE
5 USED TO RELIABLY ACCOMPLISH THIS TASK. AND THAT TASK IS
6 SHORELINE CHANGE MODELING FOR MEAN SEA LEVEL RISE. YOU CAN'T
7 CHANGE A LEVEE UNTIL YOU HAVE YOUR DATA. U.S.G.S. IS INVOLVED,
8 COASTAL COMMISSION, A LOT OF FUNDING, TIJUANA RIVER,
9 ESTUARINE. I'D LIKE TO CONTINUE. THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT
10 MEETING THAT HAPPENED.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT. THANK YOU.

13

14 **DAVID DELLANGE:** DAVID DELLANGE. AS COUNTY COUNSEL ADVISED YOU
15 THIS MAY INVOLVE A C.E.Q.A. VIOLATION BECAUSE OF THE SERA
16 TERRA DECISION. THE PUBLIC WORKS LETTER ASKED THE CORPS TO
17 SPEND COUNTY MONEY ON ONLY AT MOST FOUR OF THE SEVEN
18 ALTERNATIVES, THE ONES REMOVING THE LEVEES. UNDER SAVE TERRA,
19 THE CRITICAL QUESTION THE CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT WRITES IS,
20 QUOTE, "WHETHER AS A PRACTICAL MATTER THE AGENCY HAS COMMITTED
21 ITSELF TO THE PROJECT AS A WHOLE OR TO ANY PARTICULAR FEATURES
22 SO AS TO EFFECTIVELY PRECLUDE ANY ALTERNATIVES OR MITIGATION
23 MEASURES THAT C.E.Q.A. WOULD OTHERWISE REQUIRE TO BE
24 CONSIDERED INCLUDING THE ALTERNATIVE OF NOT GOING FORWARD."
25 SPENDING SERIOUS MONEY ON FOUR OR SEVEN ALTERNATIVES MAY



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1 CONSTITUTE DE FACTO APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT PRIOR TO THE
2 E.I.R. THE COURT REASONED THAT IF THE E.I.R. REVIEW IS
3 COMPLETED AFTER FINANCIAL MOMENTUM BUILDS BEHIND A PROJECT
4 ALTERNATIVE, PRIOR TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW, IT MAY PROVIDE
5 A STRONG INCENTIVE TO IGNORE ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS. THE
6 PUBLIC WORKS LETTER SIMPLY SETS IT OUT THERE THAT THERE AREN'T
7 SEVEN ALTERNATIVES.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

10

11 **BRENT PEICH:** I'M BRENT PEICH REPRESENTING FRIENDS OF BALLONA
12 WETLANDS. WE'RE PLEASED TO ENTHUSIASTICALLY SUPPORT AND
13 ENCOURAGE ADOPTION OF AGENDA ITEM 19. FRIENDS OF BALLONA
14 WETLANDS HAS LONG ADVOCATED FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE TITLE
15 RESTORATION OF THE AREAS OF THE PRESENT BALLONA WETLANDS STATE
16 ECOLOGICAL RESERVE, WHICH WERE FORMALLY INFILLED BY
17 DEVELOPMENT. EVERY DAY THAT THIS CRITICAL HABITAT AND PUBLIC
18 OPEN SPACE PROJECT IS DELAYED, THOSE INFILLED AREAS FURTHER
19 DEGRADE AND OUR REGION IS DENIED THE BENEFITS OF A FULLY
20 FUNCTIONING TITLE WETLANDS AND THE WELL REGULATED PUBLIC
21 ACCESS THAT MUST ACCOMPANY THAT RESOURCE. FOR THIS REASON, IT
22 IS PROPER THAT THE COUNTY AND THE CORPS EXPEDITE REVIEW OF
23 PLANNING, DESIGN, ENGINEERING AND PERMITTING ACTIVITIES TO
24 SUPPORT THIS PROJECT, WHICH IS BEING MANAGED BY THE CALIFORNIA



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1 DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AND ITS COASTAL CONSERVANCY
2 PARTNERS. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT, FOUR NEXT SPEAKERS,
5 SHELLEY LUCE, ERIC PREVEN AND TIM RILEY.

6

7 **BRUCE CAMPBELL:** GOOD DAY. I'M BRUCE CAMPBELL. I URGE THAT YOU
8 REMOVE THE BALLONA WETLANDS PROJECT AND OXFORD BASIN FROM THE
9 M.O.A.S. NOTE THAT THIS WORDING IS BASICALLY CARTE BLANCHE
10 APPROVAL FOR DESTRUCTIVE ACTIVITIES OF THIS IMPORTANT
11 ECOSYSTEM. CHECK OUT THE SECOND PARAGRAPH ON THE AGENDA. THE
12 BOARD MIGHT WRITE A LETTER SAYING NO WORK IS TO BE UNDERTAKEN
13 ON THE BALLONA PROJECT PRIOR TO DEVELOPMENT OF AN E.I.R. IT
14 DOESN'T SAY A DRAFT E.I.R., FINAL E.I.R., RECORD OF DECISION.
15 ALSO, WE NEED A FULL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT. THE ARMY
16 CORPS IS A FEDERAL AGENCY. THE FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
17 DOCUMENT IS THE E.I.S. WE NEED A FULL E.I.S./E.I.R. WITH A
18 RANGE OF ALTERNATIVES. ALSO, I TRIED TO EMPHASIZE TO YOU IN A
19 RECENT LETTER REGARDING THE NO. 20, THERE WERE 20 ALTERNATIVES
20 FOR THE L.A. RIVER. THEY SEEM TO BE LOOKING AT ONE FOR
21 BALLONA. WE NEED A CONCERTED 20-YEAR EFFORT TO CLEAN UP THE
22 POLLUTION OF BALLONA CREEK. PLEASE BRING THIS-- BRING A RANGE
23 OF ALTERNATIVES BACK IN THE YEAR 2034 AND WE'LL HAVE A GOOD
24 DISCUSSION ON IT. THANK YOU.

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

2

3 **JACK NEFF:** I'M JACK NEFF, I'M SPEAKING TO YOU IN TWO
4 CAPACITIES TODAY. ONE IS AS THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE
5 GABRIELINO TONGVA SPRINGS FOUNDATION, WE HAVE BEEN
6 ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE COUNTY. THANK YOU, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
7 FOR HEARING ME ON THIS. THE ISSUE IS OF FRESH WATER RUNNING
8 FROM THE WATERSHED, INCLUDING THE GABRIELINO TONGVA SPRINGS IN
9 WEST LOS ANGELES, THE COLDWATER CANYON BASIN, CENTINELLA CREEK
10 BASIN. ALL THE GREAT CONTRIBUTIONS OF FRESH WATER THAT COME
11 ANNUALLY TO THE L.A. BASIN ARE BEING LUMPED IN THIS M.O.U.
12 TOGETHER WITH THE GARBAGE, THE REFUSE, THE POLLUTION THAT
13 ACCUMULATES WITH THE FRESH WATER AND USES THE FRESH WATER TO
14 DRIVE IT DOWN TOWARDS BALLONA CREEK. SO IN THAT REGARD, PLEASE
15 REMOVE THE BALLONA WETLANDS RESTORATION PROGRAM FROM THE
16 M.O.A. PERSONALLY, I FEEL IT'S TAKING THE STAGING AREA USED BY
17 THE PROPOSED BULLDOZING PLAN WILL IMPACT THE WETLANDS
18 NEGATIVELY, HARM WILDLIFE AND TAKE A PUBLIC SPACE AWAY. THANK
19 YOU.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT AND I ASK KEN MINAULT TO JOIN US
22 PLEASE.

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24 **SHELLEY LUCE:** I'M DR. SHELLEY LUCE, AND I'M THE DIRECTOR OF
25 THE SANTA MONICA BAY RESTORATION COMMISSION. WE HAVE BEEN



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1 WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND
2 WILDLIFE AND THE STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY ON THE BALLONA
3 WETLANDS SINCE ABOUT 2005 AND WE'RE MOSTLY SCIENTISTS ON OUR
4 STAFF. SO WE HAVE BEEN CONDUCTING THE FIRST COMPREHENSIVE
5 ASSESSMENT OF THIS 600-ACRE PUBLICLY OWNED PARCEL. THE ANNUAL
6 REPORTS FROM THOSE ASSESSMENTS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE IF
7 YOU'RE INTERESTED. AND THEY'VE GIVEN US A REALLY GOOD
8 UNDERSTANDING OF THE RESOURCES THAT ARE AT THE BALLONA
9 WETLANDS TODAY. SO PART OF OUR WORK HAS BEEN TO CONDUCT PUBLIC
10 OUTREACH AND EDUCATION ON THAT INFORMATION. WE HOLD SCIENTIFIC
11 SYMPOSIA EVERY YEAR. WE CONDUCT TOURS. WE'VE HAD DESIGN
12 CHARRETTES AND OTHER TYPES OF WORKSHOPS TO GET PUBLIC INPUT.
13 AND WE ARE NOW ALSO HELPING THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND
14 WILDLIFE AND THE COASTAL CONSERVANCY TO COORDINATE THE MANY
15 LOCAL AGENCIES AND CONSULTANTS WHO ARE DOING IF COMPLICATED
16 ANALYSES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND ENVIRONMENTAL
17 IMPACT STATEMENT. SO WE'RE VERY EXCITED TO BE MOVING THIS
18 PROCESS FORWARD. IT IS NOT QUICK, BUT IT IS VERY IMPORTANT
19 BECAUSE THE PEOPLE OF CALIFORNIA DESERVE THE BEST POSSIBLE
20 PROJECT AT THIS LOCATION. SO I HOPE THAT YOU WILL APPROVE
21 TODAY'S MOTION TO WORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ARMY CORPS TO
22 MAKE SURE WE GET THE BEST POSSIBLE ANALYSIS OF THE PROJECT
23 ALTERNATIVES.
24



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. PREVEN AND MR. RILEY AND
2 MR. KEN MINAULT, IF YOU'D COME FORWARD. JONATHAN COFFIN, IF
3 YOU'D JOIN US PLEASE.

4

5 **ERIC PREVEN:** IT'S ERIC PREVEN, THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM
6 DISTRICT 3 I SEE WE ONLY HAVE ONE MINUTE TODAY. I SEE THE GUYS
7 FROM PUBLIC WORKS TODAY, INCLUDING MASSOUD ESFAHANI WHO'S AN
8 EXPERT ON JOB ORDER CONTRACTING. IT'S EXCELLENT TO SEE HE'S
9 BEEN MOVED INTO THIS GROUP SO THAT HE CAN HELP WITH THIS
10 INTERESTING PROJECT REGARDING THE PUBLIC. NOW, THE
11 TRANSPARENCY ISSUES THAT HAVE COME OUT IN THIS TESTIMONY ARE
12 ASTONISHING. THE FACT THAT WE ARE FACING WHAT SEEMS TO BE A
13 KIND OF FUZZY APPROVAL TO GET MORE EFFORT IN AN AREA WHERE THE
14 PUBLIC HAS COME OUT SO VIGOROUSLY TO SAY COME ON, THIS IS NOT
15 SOMETHING THAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS WANT. I HAVEN'T HEARD
16 ANYBODY CLAMORING FOR THIS WORK. AND YET THE ARMY CORPS OF
17 ENGINEERS, WHO THIS BOARD PROBABLY HAS A STACK OF FUNDING ON
18 THEIR DESK RECENTLY, IS RIGHT THERE STANDING BY READY TO
19 PARTICIPATE. AND I'M CONCERNED BECAUSE THIS IS THE SAME GROUP,
20 BY THE WAY, THAT'S IN PARTNERSHIP WITH L.A. COUNTY ON WHITTIER
21 NARROWS, WHERE THERE'S A GOLF COURSE, THAT THIS BOARD IS IN
22 THE PROCESS OF, I DON'T KNOW, POSSIBLY ABNEGATING THEIR
23 FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE PUBLIC. RIGHT HERE IN FRONT
24 OF US. IT'S OUTRAGEOUS, SIR.

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. RILEY, THEN MR. MINAULT AND
2 THEN JONATHAN COFFIN, IF YOU'D JOIN US, PLEASE. YES, NEXT.

3

4 **TIM RILEY:** HONORABLE CHAIRMAN AND SUPERVISORS, TIM RILEY
5 REPRESENTING MARINA DEL REY LESSEES ASSOCIATION. OUR PRESIDENT
6 DAVID LEVINE REGRETS THAT HE CANNOT BE HERE TODAY TO EXPRESS
7 HIS SUPPORT FOR THIS ITEM ON BEHALF OF THE MARINA LESSEES. AND
8 I'D ALSO LIKE TO SAY THAT I WAS ASKED BY THE EXECUTIVE
9 DIRECTOR OF THE CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU ON THE MARINA
10 EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THIS ITEM. WE WERE JUST HERE A LITTLE
11 OVER A MONTH AGO IN SUPPORT OF THE OXFORD BASIN ENHANCEMENT
12 PROJECT, WHICH THE BOARD APPROVED, THE M.N.D., AND THE PROJECT
13 ITSELF AT THAT MEETING. IT IS A VERY IMPORTANT PROJECT. IT'S
14 AT THE TOP OF THE PRIORITY LIST THAT YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU
15 TODAY, AND SO WE URGE THIS GO FORWARD. THIS PROJECT WILL, ON
16 ITS SCHEDULE, IF IT KEEPS THIS SCHEDULE, COULD CONCEIVABLY BE
17 APPROVED AND CONSTRUCTED, I SHOULD SAY, BY NEXT YEAR IN TIME
18 FOR THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE MARINA. THIS WILL
19 BE A GREAT VISITOR-SERVING USE. IT WILL BE AN ENHANCEMENT TO
20 THE COMMUNITY IN AESTHETICS AND ALSO FOR WATER QUALITY AND
21 BIRD HABITAT AND OTHER ITEMS THAT ARE TOO LONG TO GO THROUGH
22 TODAY. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. BILL MINS, IF YOU'LL JOIN US
25 AND DANIEL GOTTLIEB. NEXT?



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1

2 **JONATHAN COFFIN:** MY NAME IS JONATHAN COFFIN. I HAVE BEEN
3 EXPLORING THE BALLONA WETLANDS NOW FOR OVER 13 YEARS,
4 DOCUMENTING WILDLIFE.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** COULD YOU SPEAK, RAISE YOUR MIC. A
7 LITTLE BIT, PLEASE? THERE YOU GO.

8

9 **JONATHAN COFFIN:** I'VE BEEN VISITING THE BALLONA WETLANDS NOW
10 FOR 13 YEARS DOCUMENTING WILDLIFE THAT IS THERE PRESENT TODAY.
11 THE BALLONA WETLANDS ECOLOGICAL RESERVE IS A FRAGILE ECOSYSTEM
12 TODAY. THE REMOVAL OF THE LEVEES WILL IMPACT THE WETLANDS,
13 IMPACT THE FRESH WATER AND BRACKISH ASPECTS THAT ARE THERE
14 TODAY. THEY SHOULD BE LEFT INTACT. THEY ARE THE ACCESS TODAY
15 THAT THE PUBLIC HAS TO THE WETLANDS, TO THE OCEAN, TO THE VIEW
16 OF THE SUNSETS THAT ARE THERE EVERY DAY. I SEE THESE PEOPLE
17 EVERY DAY ON THE BIKE PATHS. EXPERIENCING THE WETLANDS TODAY.
18 THIS IS YOUR PUBLIC ACCESS, TODAY. TAKING OUT THE LEVEES WILL
19 BE TAKING IT AWAY FROM THEM. I NEVER RUN INTO ANYBODY THAT
20 THINKS IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO TAKE THESE LEVEES OUT. IT'S VERY
21 RISKY. IT'S RADICAL. IT SHOULDN'T BE DONE. LEAVE THEM THERE.
22 TAKE THE BALLONA WETLANDS OFF THE PRIORITY LIST.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MICHELLE WEINER IF YOU'D JOIN
25 US AND DAVID WARREN. MR. MINAULT?



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2 **KEN MINAULT:** I'M KEN MINAULT. I'M SPEAKING AS A COORDINATOR
3 WITH THE SIERRA CLUB'S BEYOND COAL CAMPAIGN. AND I'M ASKING
4 YOU TO NOT EXPEDITE OR MAKE THE M.O.A. A PRIORITY. IF YOU
5 FOLKS WERE A FLOCK OF BIRDS MIGRATING THROUGH SOUTHERN
6 CALIFORNIA, YOU'D FIND SCANT OPPORTUNITIES TO LAND AND STOP
7 OVER AT A SUITABLE LOCATION, SUITABLE MEANING CLEAN AIR AND
8 CLEAN WATER. OVER THE PAST HUMAN LIFETIME SINCE THE END OF
9 WORLD WAR II, WETLANDS AROUND L.A. HAVE DISAPPEARED AT A
10 STAGGERING RATE. SONG BIRD POPULATIONS HAVE DROPPED OVER 85
11 PERCENT IN THAT TIME PERIOD. THE BALLONA WETLANDS ARE ONE
12 PLACE OF RESPITE FOR LOCAL AND MIGRATING WILDLIFE AND IT'S
13 ENJOYED BY MANY SPECIES ON THE ENDANGERED LIST. WE HAVE A
14 LEGAL OBLIGATION TO PROTECT THOSE SPECIES. ANY GOVERNMENTAL
15 ACTION NOTABLY REMOVING THE LEVEES THAT KEEP OUT POLLUTED
16 RUNOFF, THAT FURTHER ENDANGERS THOSE SPECIES, IS A CRIME. AND
17 THE PUBLIC IS RIGHTLY SUSPICIOUS OF A MOVE TO PUT IN AN
18 AGREEMENT WITH THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS ON A PRIORITY LIST
19 WHILE ADMITTING THAT THE OBLIGATORY E.I.R. AND OTHER
20 ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW HAVE NOT BEEN DONE.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

23

24 **KEN MINAULT:** DO THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND PUBLIC
25 ASSESSMENTS FIRST.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME EXPIRED. MR. MINS AND THEN MR.
3 GOTTLIEB.

4

5 **BILL MINS:** MY NAME IS BILL MINS. THE COUNTY SEAL WAS MENTIONED
6 PREVIOUSLY. AND SINCE THIS BOARD RECENTLY RESTORED THE CROSS
7 TO THE COUNTY SEAL, IT IS MY EARNEST HOPE THAT YOU WON'T LEAVE
8 THE BALLONA WETLANDS WITHOUT A PRAYER. THE ISSUE OF REMOVING
9 THE LEVEES OF BALLONA CREEK WILL AFFECT OTHER ISSUES SUCH AS
10 BOATING ACCESS TO PEDESTRIANS AND POSSIBLE FLOODING. PLEASE
11 HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS ITEM BEFORE YOU APPROVE IT AS A
12 PRIORITY PROJECT FOR THE ARMY CORPS'S APPROVAL. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. GOTTLIEB?

15

16 **DANIEL GOTTLIEB:** I'M PROFESSOR DAN GOTTLIEB OF MATHEMATICS AND
17 I WROTE A PAPER CALLED "PURE MATHEMATICS VERSUS APPLIED
18 BULLSHIT," STIMULATED BY WHAT HAPPENED AT MARINA DEL REY. I
19 HAVE MANY, MANY EXAMPLES OF IT. BUT THIS IS EVEN MORE AN
20 EXAMPLE. FROM THE "L.A. WEEKLY," WHO ACTUALLY REPORTED ON THE
21 ISSUE, IS A VERY GOOD DESCRIPTION OF ZEV'S CROSS-EXAMINATION
22 OF THE SPOKESMAN. AND WHAT THEY WANTED WAS TO HAVE TWO THINGS
23 HAPPEN AT THE SAME TIME. THE WETLANDS, BALLONA WETLANDS WAS
24 NOT IMPORTANT AND IT WAS IMPORTANT. AND THAT'S A TELL FOR
25 BULLSHIT. IF YOU LOOK AT THE REPORT, THEN, THAT WE WAITED FOR



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1 SEVERAL WEEKS TO GET FROM THE-- FROM THIS FAVOR, YOU'LL FIND
2 THAT THAT ANSWER WAS NOT MADE. THERE'S STILL DOUBLE THINGS,
3 TWO THINGS ALL THE WAY THROUGH. THAT MEANS THIS AND THAT, AND
4 I'M REALLY CONCERNED. IT'S LIKE, IF YOU HAVE YOUR WETLANDS,
5 YOU CAN KEEP YOUR WETLANDS, PERIOD. BUT THEY'RE GOING TO BE
6 POLLUTED AND UNDER WATER.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MICHELLE WEINER THEN DAVID
9 WARREN.

10

11 **MICHELLE WEINER:** HI, MY NAME IS MICHELLE WEINER, I LIVE IN
12 CULVER CITY.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I APOLOGIZE.

15

16 **MICHELLE WEINER:** AND I HAVE A COUPLE REASONS WHY I TOOK MY
17 TIME TO COME HERE. A COUPLE OF CONCERNS, TOO. ONE, I LIVE NEAR
18 THE CREEK AND I'M WELL AWARE THAT THERE ARE PLENTY OF THINGS
19 THAT WE COULD DO TO IMPROVE THAT CREEK AND MAKE IT MORE OF A
20 RESERVE AND MORE OF AN ENHANCEMENT TO OUR COMMUNITY. BUT THE
21 PROJECT AT THE END OF THE CREEK AS FLOOD CONTROL SEEMS
22 COMPLETELY UNNECESSARY AND A SQUANDERING OF FUNDS THAT COULD
23 BE USED FOR A OF BETTER PURPOSE. IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF
24 WATER AND THE QUALITY OF LIFE UPSTREAM. AT THE END OF THE
25 CREEK I'VE SERVED AS THE VOLUNTEER DOCENT. SO I KNOW THE LAND



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1 PRETTY WELL. AND I CAN SAY THAT IT'S BEAUTIFUL LAND. I WORKED
2 WITH THE AUDUBON SOCIETY AND THEY HAVE BROUGHT COUNTLESS
3 NUMBERS OF YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH THERE TO HELP RESTORE THE
4 WETLANDS. AND AT THE SAME TIME THAT IT'S IMPROVING THE LAND,
5 IT'S IMPROVING THE LIFE OF THE KIDS BECAUSE SOME OF THESE KIDS
6 ARE COMING FROM COMPTON AND VERY FAR EAST WHERE THEY DON'T
7 HAVE VERY MUCH INTERACTION WITH THE NATURAL SETTINGS THAT ARE
8 AVAILABLE. THEY ARE VERY FEW, THEY ARE SHRINKING. AND THE KIDS
9 ARE GETTING A CHANCE TO REALLY APPRECIATE NATURE AND
10 APPRECIATE STEWARDSHIP, LEARNING IT FIRSTHAND, EXPERIENTIALLY.
11 SO WHAT WOULD THIS PROJECT DO TO IMPROVE THAT? WHAT WOULD
12 CREATING A MEANDERING CREEK WHERE THERE'S ALREADY A CREEK THAT
13 WORKS VERY WELL FOR ALL THE VARIOUS PURPOSES, FLOOD CONTROL,
14 RECREATION.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME IS UP.

17

18 **MICHELLE WEINER:** THANKS FOR YOUR TIME.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT?

21

22 **DAVID WARREN:** I'M DAVID WARREN WITH THE COASTAL LAW
23 ENFORCEMENT ACTION NETWORK. GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE BOARD OF
24 SUPERVISORS. THIS PLAN TO REMOVE THE PROPERLY FUNCTIONING
25 LEVEES ALONG BALLONA CREEK TO ALLOW THE DIRTY URBAN RUNOFF



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1 INTO THE SENSITIVE BALLONA WETLANDS ECOLOGICAL RESERVE IS NO
2 WAY TO RESPECT THE DIVERSE ECOSYSTEMS LIVING THERE. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. ARE
5 THERE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS EITHER OF THE ARMY CORPS OR STAFF?

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** COULD WE HAVE THE DEPARTMENT AND ARMY CORPS
8 RESPOND TO SOME OF THE POINTS THAT WERE RAISED?

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10 **AARON ALLEN:** FIRST IS PART OF THIS HUERTA AGREEMENT, WHAT'S
11 WRITTEN INTO THE REGULATION, THE LEGISLATION ITSELF IS, IT
12 CLEARLY STATES THAT PART OF THIS EXPEDITED PROCESS, THE CORPS
13 OF ENGINEERS MUST COMPLY WITH ALL FEDERAL LAWS AND
14 REGULATIONS. SO BEFORE WE CAN MAKE ANY DECISIONS ON ANY OF THE
15 ITEMS COVERED IN THE HUERTA AGREEMENT, WE HAVE TO GO THROUGH
16 OUR PROCESS. WE CAN'T SKIP ANY STEPS. THAT INCLUDES COMPLIANCE
17 WITH THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT, ENDANGERED SPECIES
18 ACT, COASTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, ET CETERA. SO WHEN WE TALK ABOUT
19 AN EXPEDITED PROCESS, IT REALLY APPLIES TO THE AMOUNT OF
20 RESOURCES THE CORPS HAS TO EVALUATE THE APPLICATION AND
21 CONDUCT THE ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS. IT DOESN'T IMPLY ANY
22 SKIPPING OF STEPS OR ANY KIND OF REDUCTION IN PUBLIC REVIEW.
23 THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS IS PART OF REVIEWING THESE APPLICATIONS
24 FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT, BALLONA AS WELL AS ALL THE OTHER
25 PROJECTS, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO GO THROUGH OUR STANDARD



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1 PROCESS, RELEASE A DRAFT E.I.S./E.I.R. DO A PUBLIC HEARING AS
2 PART OF THAT DRAFT E.I.S. PUBLISH A FINAL E.I.S./E.I.R. FOR
3 COMMENT AND THEN DO OUR RECORD OF DECISION. SO I JUST WANTED
4 TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT AS PART OF THIS HUERTA AGREEMENT, IT
5 DOESN'T DO ANYTHING TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESS THAT THE
6 CORPS OF ENGINEERS MUST COMPLY WITH FOR ANY PERMIT APPLICATION
7 THAT WE RECEIVE. THE OTHER THING I'D SAY IS A LOT OF
8 LEGITIMATE ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES WERE BROUGHT UP WITH THE
9 PROPOSED PROJECT. AND THEY NEED TO BE ANALYZED AS PART OF OUR
10 ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS. AND REALLY WHAT THIS HUERTA
11 AGREEMENT IS GOING TO DO IS FACILITATE THAT ENVIRONMENTAL
12 REVIEW, ALLOW THE COURT TO ACTUALLY EVALUATE THE 408
13 APPLICATION AND GET SOME FEEDBACK TO THE COUNTY AS WELL AS
14 DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE SO THAT THEY KNOW IF THE CORPS
15 NEEDS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE PROPOSED PROJECT AND TO
16 MAKE SURE WHAT THEY'RE ANALYZING IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL
17 DOCUMENTS IS GOING TO BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE CORPS IN REGARDS TO
18 ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS AS WELL AS ENGINEERING ANALYSIS. AND
19 I'M HAPPY TO RESPOND TO ANY SPECIFIC QUESTIONS THAT YOU HAVE.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ANYTHING ELSE FOR THE CORPS? ANYTHING
22 FROM THE DEPARTMENT? IF NOT THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. OKAY. MOVED
23 BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. THE CHAIR WILL SECOND WITH ONE
24 ABSTENTION, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. SO ORDERED. THANK YOU. ALL
25 RIGHT. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, YOU'RE STILL UP. WE'LL DO THE RISK



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1 MANAGEMENT ITEMS? DO YOU WANT TO TAKE ALL THREE TOGETHER WOULD
2 PROBABLY BE APPROPRIATE, RIGHT? WE'LL DO 32, 33 AND 34. OKAY?

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, IS THERE ONE YOU
5 WOULD LIKE TO TAKE FIRST OR JUST START?

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7 **SUP. MOLINA:** (OFF MIC.) AND HAVE A PRESENTATION, I'D LIKE THEM
8 TO PROCEED. I THINK IT'S WORTHWHILE TO LISTEN TO, YOU KNOW,
9 THROUGHOUT THE YEARS, WE'VE HAD BITS AND PIECES OF THE COST
10 LITIGATION REPORT, BUT I THINK NOT ONLY HAVING THE REPORT BUT
11 THE KIND OF WORK THAT IS GOING ON IS MAKING A DRAMATIC IMPACT
12 ACROSS THE BOARD AND SO I THINK IT'S WORTHWHILE TO HAVE THIS
13 REPORT PRESENTED AND LOOK AT ITS OUTCOMES AND ITS PROCEEDING
14 AS TO HOW WE'RE GOING TO MOVE FORWARD. I TURN IT OVER TO YOU
15 ALL.

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17 **STEVEN ESTABROOK:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. CHAIRMAN. MEMBERS OF THE
18 BOARD. I COME HERE TODAY WITH SOME GOOD NEWS. THE OVERALL
19 LITIGATION COSTS FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY THIS YEAR ARE DOWN.
20 AND THEY'RE DOWN 23 PERCENT AS COMPARED TO LAST YEAR. IT'S
21 OVER \$26 MILLION REDUCTION. AND IT'S THE LOWEST THAT THE
22 EXPENDITURES, THE OVERALL EXPENDITURES THAT'S INCLUDING
23 ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS AND JUDGMENTS AND SETTLEMENTS. IT'S
24 THE LOWEST THAT THEY'VE BEEN IN THE LAST SEVEN FISCAL YEARS.
25 OVERALL LITIGATION EXPENSES CAN BE DIVIDED INTO TWO AREAS. ONE



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1 IS JUDGMENTS AND SETTLEMENTS AND THE OTHER IS ATTORNEYS' FEES
2 AND COSTS. LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT SETTLEMENTS AND JUDGMENTS. THE
3 SETTLEMENTS THIS YEAR AND JUDGMENTS TOTAL 35.8 MILLION, WHICH
4 IS CONSIDERABLY LESS THAN THE 59.9 LAST YEAR AND THE 56.5 THE
5 YEAR BEFORE. JUDGMENTS THIS YEAR TOTALED 7.2 MILLION. THERE
6 WERE 18 ENTERED AGAINST THE COUNTY THIS YEAR. THE 7.2 IS THE
7 LOWEST IN THE LAST SIX FISCAL YEARS. YOU CAN SEE THAT I'VE
8 INDICATED THE BOWMAN CASE, WHICH IS A GENDER DISCRIMINATION
9 JUDGMENT THAT THE COUNTY HAS BEEN HANDLING FOR THE LAST 15 TO
10 20 YEARS. AND THOSE ADDED THAT ONTO THE JUDGMENT. BUT EVEN
11 WITH-- AND THIS YEAR WAS THE FIRST YEAR THAT WE DID NOT HAVE
12 BOUMAN. WE DIDN'T HAVE TO PAY THAT JUDGMENT. THE JUDGMENTS
13 THIS YEAR, THE 7.2 WERE PRIMARILY COMPRISED OF TWO LARGE
14 JUDGMENTS, ONE INVOLVING-- BOTH INVOLVED THE SHERIFF. ONE WAS
15 THE SEARCH AND SEIZURE ISSUE AND THE OTHER JUDGMENT WAS AN
16 EXCESSIVE FORCE ISSUE. AND THOSE COMPRISED MOST OF THE 7.2
17 MILLION IN JUDGMENTS THIS YEAR. SETTLEMENTS TOTALED 28.6
18 MILLION. AND THERE WERE 228 CASES SETTLED THIS YEAR. THERE
19 WERE FOUR SETTLEMENTS, ONLY FOUR THAT EXCEEDED \$1 MILLION THIS
20 YEAR. AND TWO SHERIFF'S CASES, TWO HEALTH SERVICES CASES. THE
21 SHERIFF'S CASES, EMPLOYMENT, EXCESSIVE FORCE. AND THE HEALTH
22 SERVICES WERE BOTH MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CASES COMING OUT OF
23 L.A.C.+U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER. NOW, WE HAVE TO CURB OUR
24 ENTHUSIASM SOMEWHAT BECAUSE ALTHOUGH THE SETTLEMENTS WERE 28.6
25 MILLION THIS YEAR, THERE WERE 6 MILLION AMOUNTS OF SETTLEMENTS



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1 THAT WERE APPROVED BY THIS BOARD DURING THE COURSE OF THE YEAR
2 BUT NOT PAID THIS YEAR. SO THOSE 6 MILLION BRING THE TOTAL
3 SETTLEMENTS UP TO CLOSE TO 35. BUT AS YOU CAN SEE FROM THIS
4 CHART, THEY'RE STILL CONSIDERABLY LESS THAN THE 42 MILLION
5 THAT WAS PAID LAST YEAR AND THE 43.8 PAID THE YEAR BEFORE. AND
6 THOSE 6 MILLION ARE IN THE PIPELINE. THEY WILL BE PAID IN
7 FISCAL '13/'14. ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS ARE THE OTHER
8 CRITICAL COMPONENT OF OUR OVERALL LITIGATION COSTS. AND WE
9 HAVE BOTH CONTRACT COUNSEL OR OUTSIDE COUNSEL AND COUNTY
10 COUNSEL. CONTRACT COUNSEL, OUTSIDE COUNSEL, THE FEES AND COSTS
11 FOR OUTSIDE COUNSEL ARE DOWN BY 1.1 MILLION THIS YEAR, 40.9
12 DOWN TO 39.8. COUNTY COUNSEL INVOLVES BOTH THE FEES AND COSTS
13 INVOLVED IN OVERSEEING OUR OUTSIDE COUNSEL AS WELL AS HANDLING
14 CASES WITHOUT THE AID OF OUTSIDE COUNSEL. THE COSTS THIS YEAR
15 WERE 13.4 MILLION, THAT'S FEES AND COSTS FOR BOTH MANAGEMENT
16 AND HANDLING CASES. AND THAT'S DOWN 1 MILLION. SO THE TOTAL
17 REDUCTION IN ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS FOR BOTH OUTSIDE
18 COUNSEL AND COUNTY COUNSEL IS 2.1 MILLION THIS YEAR. AND THE
19 LA VINA CREDIT WAS A CREDIT THAT WE TOOK TWO YEARS AGO. WE
20 RECOVERED THAT MONEY, SO WE TOOK A CREDIT. AND EVEN WITH THAT
21 CREDIT, THE FEES AND COSTS THIS YEAR FOR COUNTY COUNSEL WAS
22 LESS THAN IT WAS IN THE LAST TWO YEARS. NOW, JUST AS A NOTE,
23 9.8 MILLION OF THE FEES AND COSTS THAT ARE REPORTED THAT ARE
24 INCLUDED IN THE 89 MILLION ARE PAID BY THE CONTRACT CITIES AND
25 SPECIAL DISTRICTS SUCH AS THE WATER DISTRICT AND THE FLOOD



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1 CONTROL DISTRICT. OF THE TOTAL EXPENSES THAT ARE PAID ARE 9.8
2 MILLION. YOU CAN SEE FROM THE CHART ON THE LEFT, THE JUDGMENTS
3 AND SETTLEMENTS THAT ARE PAID, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CONTRACT
4 CITIES TOTAL OF 7.3 MILLION. AND 2.5 MILLION IS PAID AND
5 REIMBURSED TO THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT BY THE WATER
6 DISTRICT AND THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT. THESE ARE THE 10
7 DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR 90 PERCENT OF THE
8 COUNTY'S LITIGATION EXPENSES THIS YEAR. YOU CAN SEE FROM THE
9 CHART THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TOPS THE LIST. VERY RISKY
10 BUSINESS, AND VERY EXPENSIVE. AND YOU CAN SEE THAT THEY ARE
11 RESPONSIBLE FOR ALMOST A MAJORITY OF THE EXPENSES THERE,
12 SLIGHTLY UNDER 50 PERCENT. YOU CAN ALSO SEE HEALTH SERVICES,
13 PUBLIC WORKS, CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES AND FIRE TOP THE
14 LIST THIS YEAR. LET'S TAKE A QUICK LOOK AT THE SHERIFF'S
15 DEPARTMENT EXPENSES. THEY SPENT \$43 MILLION LAST YEAR IN
16 LITIGATION EXPENSES. AND THE MOST-- THE CRITICAL AREA FOR THE
17 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT THIS YEAR WAS LAW ENFORCEMENT. AND IF YOU
18 LOOK TO THE LEFT, YOU CAN SEE THE AMOUNT, 31 MILLION, WAS
19 SPENT BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ON LAW ENFORCEMENT. THE YEAR
20 BEFORE WAS 20.6. SO THAT'S \$10.4 MILLION INCREASE. AND YOU CAN
21 SEE THAT THIS YEAR IN THE CROSSHATCHED AREA, EXCESSIVE FORCE,
22 THIS YEAR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SPENT \$20 MILLION AS
23 OPPOSED TO \$13 MILLION LAST YEAR IN THE GRAY COLUMN, AND THE
24 20 MILLION THAT WAS SPENT THIS YEAR NEARLY EQUALED THE TOTAL
25 AMOUNT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPENSES BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT



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1 LAST YEAR. THIS CHART SHOWS THE PROGRESSION FROM LAW
2 ENFORCEMENT, THE PERCENTAGE OF THE 43 MILLION, WHICH IS 72
3 PERCENT. MOVING TO THE NEXT CIRCLE, YOU'LL SEE THE 31 MILLION.
4 AND OF THAT, EXCESSIVE FORCE COMPRISES 20 MILLION. AND THEN
5 THE EXCESSIVE FORCE EXPENSES ARE BROKEN DOWN. THE CROSSHATCHED
6 AREA, THE NUMBER DID NOT TRANSMIT. SO THAT IS 4.9 IN THE
7 CROSSHATCHED AREA. SO THE TOTAL PATROL, AND THAT'S THE
8 EXCESSIVE FORCE HAPPENING ON THE STREET IS 14.6 MILLION, 4.9
9 MILLION OF THAT IN THE CROSSHATCHED IS THE-- ARE ATTRIBUTED TO
10 SHOOTINGS, AND CUSTODY IS 5.4 MILLION. OUR AREAS OF CONCERN
11 OBVIOUSLY WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT THE MILLION-- WE HAD
12 SEVERAL MILLION-DOLLAR VERDICTS THAT ARE ON APPEAL. MONTALVO
13 WAS A HIGH SPEED PURSUIT AND SHOOTING OF A SUSPECT AND A
14 VERDICT, \$8.8 MILLION VERDICT. THOMAS WAS A PURSUIT ON FOOT OF
15 AN ARMED SUSPECT AND A SHOOTING AND THE VERDICT WAS 7.5
16 AGAINST THE COUNTY. AND THEN THE LAST WAS A MINOR WHO POINTED
17 A REPLICIA WEAPON, A GUN AT SHERIFF'S DEPUTY, WAS SHOT, NOT
18 FATALLY, AND A \$1.1 MILLION VERDICT THERE. WE'RE ALSO
19 CONCERNED ABOUT THE CITIZEN'S COMMISSION ON JAIL VIOLENCE.
20 THEY AUTHORED A REPORT THAT PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEYS ARE
21 ATTEMPTING TO GAIN-- TO GET INTO EVIDENCE. SO WE'RE CONCERNED
22 ABOUT THAT. AND THE RECENT INDICTMENT OF THE 18 DEPUTIES WILL
23 BE CAUSING US PROBLEMS. HEALTH SERVICES, THE SECOND MOST
24 EXPENSIVE DEPARTMENT IN TERMS OF LITIGATION EXPENDITURES THIS
25 YEAR. 14.6 MILLION. AS YOU CAN SEE MOST OF THOSE EXPENSES WERE



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1 IN THE MEDICAL MALPRACTICE AREA. BUT IF YOU NOTICE, THE
2 MEDICAL MALPRACTICE EXPENSES ARE DOWN. ALSO IF YOU NOTICE
3 EMPLOYMENT IS DOWN BY A MILLION DOLLARS. THE MAIN FACILITY, IF
4 YOU NOTICE, THE HARBOR-U.C.L.A. FACILITY IS DOWN BY A LITTLE
5 OVER \$7 MILLION THIS YEAR FROM LAST YEAR, HOWEVER L.A.C.
6 U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER IS UP FROM 3.2 LAST YEAR TO 8.7.
7 HOWEVER, THE TWO CASES THAT PRIMARILY COMPRISE THIS INCREASE
8 WAS A DELAYED DIAGNOSIS OF MENINGITIS, SETTLED FOR 3.1 AND
9 DEPRIVATION OF OXYGEN DURING SURGERY WHICH SETTLED FOR OVER \$4
10 MILLION. PUBLIC WORKS, YOU CAN SEE THAT THEY HAD A DRAMATIC
11 DECREASE IN THEIR COST. LITIGATION COSTS DOWN TO 8 MILLION AND
12 THEIR GENERAL LIABILITY EXPENSES ARE PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR
13 THEIR COSTS THIS YEAR OF THEIR SHARE OF \$8 MILLION. THEIR
14 CASES ARE PRIMARILY ROADWAY CASES, TRIP, SLIP AND FALL. AND A
15 LARGE PERCENTAGE, 78 PERCENT OF THE TRIP, SLIP AND FALL CASES
16 ARE SIDEWALK TRIPS. CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, THEIR
17 EXPENSES ALSO WENT DOWN. AND THEIR PRIMARY EXPENSES ARE
18 GENERAL LIABILITY. AND THEY WENT FROM 5.2 TO 3.2 AS YOU CAN
19 SEE FROM THE CHART ON THE LEFT. MOST OF THOSE EXPENSES RELATED
20 TO FOSTER CARE AS THEY WERE THE YEAR BEFORE AND YOU CAN SEE IN
21 DECLINING ORDER OF SEVERITY, WARRANTLESS REMOVALS OF CHILDREN,
22 FAILURE TO PROTECT CHILDREN IN THEIR HOMES AND ALSO FAILURE TO
23 WARN FOSTER PARENTS OF DANGEROUS PROPENSITIES OF A FOSTER
24 CHILD PLACEMENT. BUT YOU CAN SEE THAT THOSE EXPENSES HAVE
25 DECREASED BY 2 MILLION. GOING QUICKLY TO FIRE, 2.7 MILLION.



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1 AND THEIR PRIMARY, AS YOU CAN SEE, PRIMARY CONCERN IS
2 EMPLOYMENT. 1.5 MILLION, MORE THAN HALF OF THEIR EXPENDITURES,
3 WENT TO EMPLOYMENT ISSUES. AND THESE ARE THE TYPE OF
4 EMPLOYMENT ISSUES THE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST THAT DEPARTMENT. AND
5 THAT IS RETALIATION, RACE DISCRIMINATION. CHIEF EXECUTIVE
6 OFFICE LAST YEAR, THEY WERE BURDENED WITH THE AETNA INSURANCE
7 JUDGMENT, WHICH WAS THE CASE INVOLVING THE '94 EARTHQUAKE AND
8 THE COUNTY FAILED TO OBTAIN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF ITS DEDUCTIBLE
9 WHEN IT SUED AETNA. SO THE COUNTY WAS ASSESSED COSTS OF \$8
10 MILLION. AND THE C.E.O. PAID THAT LAST YEAR. THIS YEAR IT'S
11 ABOUT THE SAME, WITHOUT AETNA, AS YOU CAN SEE. 1.6 MILLION
12 PRIMARILY CONTRACT DISPUTES AND TAX ISSUES. NOW, THESE TWO
13 DEPARTMENTS, PARKS AND REC AND COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES,
14 THESE ARE THEIR COSTS, 1.6, 1.5. AND THE PRIMARY ISSUE WITH
15 PARKS AND REC ARE THE ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES WITH WHITTIER OIL
16 DRILLING AND UJIMA. THEY ALSO HAD SOME ISSUES WITH GENERAL
17 LIABILITY, SLIPPING ON A DOCK OUT AT CASTAIC AND ALSO A TREE
18 LIMB FALLING FROM A PARK IN WHITTIER. BUT YOU CAN SEE THAT THE
19 EMPLOYMENT ISSUES FOR PARKS AND RECREATION INCREASED. IN FACT,
20 THEY MORE THAN DOUBLED. AND THE COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES
21 EMPLOYMENT, THAT'S THEIR BIGGEST EXPENSE, THERE'S ALSO
22 INCREASE, SO WE HAVE CONCERNS THERE. THE LAST TWO DEPARTMENTS,
23 PROBATION, AND THESE ARE THE TOP 10, THE PROBATION IS 1.5 AND
24 AGAIN THEIR BIGGEST EXPENSE IS EMPLOYMENT, ALTHOUGH IT HAS
25 DECLINED IT IS STILL THEIR BIGGEST EXPENSE, AND WE NEED TO BE



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1 CONCERNED ABOUT THAT. AND THE RACE DISCRIMINATION SEXUAL
2 HARASSMENT CASES, ALSO MENTAL HEALTH, THE SAME, THE BIGGEST
3 EXPENSE IS EMPLOYMENT. JUST A QUICK OVERVIEW OF THE TYPES OF
4 CASES, THOSE WERE THE DEPARTMENTS, THESE ARE GENERAL TYPES OF
5 CASES. AS YOU CAN SEE LAW ENFORCEMENT INCREASED CONSIDERABLY
6 THIS YEAR FROM 21.6 LAST YEAR TO 32.8 MILLION THIS YEAR.
7 HOWEVER IN ALL OUR OTHER AREAS INCLUDING GENERAL LIABILITY,
8 MED MAL, AUTO LIABILITY AND EMPLOYMENT, IN ALL THOSE AREAS,
9 EXPENSES, FEES AND COSTS, JUDGMENTS SETTLEMENTS DECREASED. IN
10 LAW ENFORCEMENT THE AREAS YOU'VE SEEN FROM THE PRIOR SLIDES,
11 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN LAW ENFORCEMENT IS UP 10.4 MILLION,
12 THOSE ARE AREAS OF EXCESSIVE FORCE, FALSE ARREST AND SEARCH
13 AND SEIZURE. ALL THOSE AREAS WERE UP THIS YEAR. IN GENERAL
14 LIABILITY, THE PRIMARY CASES FROM LAST YEAR THAT DROVE IT UP
15 TO ABOVE THE 40 MILLION WAS THE AETNA CASE WHICH WE DISCUSSED,
16 THE ROADWAY RODERICK CASE AND THE NELSON CASE. THOSE
17 SETTLEMENTS DROVE THE GENERAL LIABILITY FIGURES THIS YEAR.
18 THIS YEAR THEY WERE MUCH LESS. OUR ROADWAY, TRIP AND FALL
19 CASES, OUR PUBLIC WORKS ONLY AMOUNTED TO 4.7. THE REMAINING
20 CASES THAT DRIVE THAT CATEGORY HAVE BEEN FOSTER CARE, AND THIS
21 YEAR THEY WERE DOWN, BUT THEY WERE STILL 3.2 MILLION. MEDICAL
22 MALPRACTICE WAS DOWN, BUT AS I SAID EARLIER, THE TWO CASES
23 THAT HAVE NOT-- WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD FOR PAYMENT BUT
24 HAVE NOT BEEN PAID, THOSE CASES, WHEN ADDED TO OUR EXISTING,
25 THE AMOUNT THAT WAS PAID, GET IT RIGHT UP TO WHERE IT WAS LAST



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1 YEAR. SO ALTHOUGH THEY WENT DOWN, WHEN WE PAY THOSE TWO
2 BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR, AND THEY WERE APPROVED DURING F.Y.
3 '12/'13 AUTO LIABILITY ALSO DECLINED. WE HAD A COUPLE OF BIG
4 JUDGMENTS OR ONE BIG JUDGMENT LAST YEAR, ROSENBERGER, A
5 MILLION DOLLAR CASE INVOLVING A JAY WALKER WHO WAS STRUCK BY A
6 SHERIFF'S DEPUTY. AND HYLIA WAS A YOUNG WOMAN WHO GOT OUT OF
7 HER CAR ON THE 405 FREEWAY LATE AT NIGHT AND WAS STRUCK BY A
8 SHERIFF DEPUTY'S VEHICLE. SO THOSE WERE THE TWO LAST YEAR.
9 THIS YEAR THERE WERE NO JUDGMENTS ON THE AUTO AREA OVER
10 \$400,000. 85 PERCENT OF THESE EXPENSES, THE AUTO EXPENSES, ARE
11 SHARED BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.
12 SOME ISSUES THERE FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT INVOLVE MOBILE DATA
13 TERMINALS AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT THE MAIN ISSUES THERE ARE
14 NONEMERGENCY VEHICLES. NOT FIRE ENGINES BUT, RATHER, UTILITY
15 VEHICLES AND VANS AND SUCH OUTNUMBER THOSE. EXPENSES INVOLVING
16 THOSE VEHICLES OUTNUMBER THE EMERGENCY VEHICLES FOUR TO ONE.
17 EMPLOYMENT, THE COSTS ARE DOWN. AND THIS IS A COUNTY-WIDE
18 ISSUE AND HAS BEEN ATTACKED RATHER AGGRESSIVELY OVER THE LAST
19 SEVERAL YEARS, AND TO TRY TO GET THESE FEES AND COSTS AND
20 JUDGMENTS AND SETTLEMENTS DOWN. YOU CAN SEE IN 2010/'11 THESE
21 COSTS WERE \$28 MILLION. LAST YEAR THEY DROPPED TO 22.9. AND
22 THIS YEAR THEY'RE AT 16.3. AND SO WE'RE DEVELOPING A GOOD
23 RECORD. NOW, HOW WAS THIS DONE? WELL, THERE WERE A NUMBER OF
24 REASONS WHY THESE COSTS WERE REDUCED. THE FIRST WAS BOUMAN,
25 THAT'S THE GENDER CLASS ACTION DISCRIMINATION SUIT THAT I



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1 MENTIONED EARLIER, BOUMAN HAD BEEN AROUND FOR ALMOST 20 YEARS.
2 AND THERE WAS AN AGGRESSIVE ATTEMPT TO BRING IT TO A
3 CONCLUSION, AND ASSETS WERE ALLOCATED TO THAT. SHERIFF'S
4 DEPARTMENT WORKED VERY HARD ON THAT. COUNTY COUNSEL WORKED
5 VERY HARD AND WAS ABLE TO BRING THAT CASE TO A CONCLUSION. OUR
6 LAST PAYMENT WAS LAST YEAR OF 3.5 MILLION. AND THAT WAS THE
7 END OF THAT CASE. SO HAVING THAT CASE OUT OF THE MIX HELPED
8 US. ALSO, ONE OF THE MAJOR PRIORITIES OF THE LEGAL EXPOSURE
9 REDUCTION COMMITTEE OR L.E.R.C. WAS EMPLOYMENT. THIS WAS A
10 COUNTYWIDE CONCERN AND L.E.R.C. ADDRESSED IT IN THE EARLY
11 TIMES OF L.E.R.C., FOUR YEARS AGO, THOSE EFFORTS ARE NOW
12 PAYING OFF. THERE WAS AN EMPLOYMENT SUBCOMMITTEE FORMED,
13 STRIKE TEAMS, TRAINING OF OVER 20,000 MANAGERS., AND THE
14 RESULTS HAVE BEEN A DROP IN EMPLOYMENT COSTS. THE COUNTY
15 EQUITY OVERSIGHT PANEL I THINK IS A CRITICAL COMPONENT.
16 THEY'RE IN EARLY. THEY'RE ABLE TO RECOGNIZE EARLY PROBLEMS
17 DEALING WITH EMPLOYMENT AND ALSO COOPERATE WITH COUNTY COUNSEL
18 IN HELPING REDUCE THESE COSTS. COUNTY COUNSEL ALSO HAS TAKEN A
19 MORE HANDS-ON APPROACH WITH THE DEPARTMENTS. THEY'RE VERY
20 ACCESSIBLE NOW TO THE DEPARTMENTS. THEY COME IN EARLY WHEN
21 THERE ARE CLAIMS AND COMPLAINTS RATHER THAN WAITING FOR
22 LITIGATION. AND THEY HAVE RECENTLY EMBEDDED ATTORNEYS IN A
23 NUMBER OF DEPARTMENTS IN ORDER TO ADDRESS PROBLEMS CONCERNING
24 EMPLOYMENT. AND THAT IS PAYING DIVIDENDS. AND, FINALLY THE
25 C.E.O. CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS, THESE ARE, ALL OF THESE, THE



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1 L.E.R.C, THE OVERSIGHT PANEL, THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS,
2 WERE ITEMS THAT THIS BOARD RECOMMENDED AND SUPPORTED. AND
3 THEY'RE PAYING BENEFITS NOW. SO IN THE END, THE EMPLOYMENT
4 MATTERS, THE EMPLOYMENT COSTS WERE REDUCED SUBSTANTIALLY, AND
5 THAT WAS DONE NOT JUST BY ONE OR TWO PEOPLE; IT WAS DONE BY A
6 COLLABORATION OF A NUMBER OF PEOPLE AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
7 OFFICE, THE COUNTY COUNSEL AND THE DEPARTMENTS, RISK MANAGERS,
8 ATTORNEYS AND THE RISK MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT AT THE C.E.O. AND
9 THROUGH THE TOOLS THAT YOU PROVIDED US WITH L.E.R.C. AND THE
10 C.E.O.P. AND THE C.A.P.S., THERE WAS A NEW AWARENESS ABOUT THE
11 EXPENSES OF EMPLOYMENT. AND THERE WAS A RECOGNITION THAT THIS
12 WAS AN EXPENSE THAT DID NOT NEED TO BE PAID. AND SO THE
13 EFFORTS, THE AWARENESS OF THIS AND THE APPROPRIATE ACTION, THE
14 RESULTS WERE AN \$11.7 MILLION REDUCTION IN COSTS AND EXPENSES
15 AND JUDGMENTS AND SETTLEMENTS INVOLVING EMPLOYMENT ACTIONS
16 BETWEEN LAST YEAR OR TWO YEARS AGO AND THIS YEAR. NOW AS YOU
17 KNOW, WE'RE IN VERY RISKY BUSINESSES. SOME OF OUR TOP
18 DEPARTMENTS. AND PROTECTING PEOPLE FROM CRIME AND ILLNESS,
19 DISEASE, FIRE CAN BE EXTREMELY RISKY. WE HAVE TO STAY THE
20 COURSE. WE WERE SUCCESSFUL IN EMPLOYMENT IN BRINGING THOSE
21 COSTS DOWN. WE HAVE TO CONTINUE TO RAISE THE AWARENESS OF
22 THESE RISKS EITHER THROUGH THE L.E.R.C., WHICH HAS BEEN
23 INSTRUMENTAL IN GETTING MANAGEMENT INVOLVED IN THE DIFFERENT
24 RISKS THAT WE HAVE. AND EMPLOYMENT IS AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT THAT
25 CAN DO. WITH REPORTS THAT ARE BEING WRITTEN NOW FOR THE



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1 BENEFIT OF THE DEPARTMENT AND THIS BOARD, INDICATING WHERE THE
2 MONEY IS GOING, WHY IT'S GOING IN THE DIRECTION THAT IT'S
3 GOING AND HOW MUCH IS BEING PAID. AND OF COURSE THE C.A.P.S.
4 EVERY TIME A SETTLEMENT IS PAID, PEOPLE HAVE TO LOOK AT THAT
5 AND MAKE SURE THAT THEY ADDRESS THE ISSUES THAT NEED TO BE
6 FIXED. SO RAISING AWARENESS IS KEY. WE NEED TO SEEK
7 OPPORTUNITIES AND CONTINUE TO SEEK OPPORTUNITIES FOR EARLY
8 INTERVENTION. THAT WAS INSTRUMENTAL AGAIN IN THE EMPLOYMENT
9 AREA. AND GET IN EARLY AND FIX THE PROBLEM. AND AVOID
10 LITIGATION. THAT'S THE BEST WAY TO KEEP YOUR EXPENSES DOWN.
11 EXTENDING LEGAL SERVICES AND ADVICE. THAT PARTICULAR AREA IS--
12 MR. KRATTLI, WHEN HE ADDRESSED THE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL LAST
13 SUMMER, HE EXTENDED THE OFFER TO-- FOR MANAGERS TO CONTACT
14 COUNTY COUNSEL AND ALSO, ATTORNEYS HAVE BEEN EMBEDDED IN A
15 VARIETY-- IN A NUMBER OF DEPARTMENTS. GETTING THE ADVICE TO
16 THE DEPARTMENTS ON RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES IS CRITICAL. RE-
17 ASSESSING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS.
18 WE'VE NOW WRITTEN A LOT OF THEM. IT'S TIME THAT WE TAKE A LOOK
19 AT THAT AND SEE WHAT IF ANYTHING WE'RE MISSING BECAUSE OF
20 COURSE WE DO HAVE REPEAT ISSUES. AND WE NEED TO DO THAT.
21 ENCOURAGING DEPARTMENTAL RISK MANAGEMENT EXCHANGES. THAT'S
22 CRITICAL. L.E.R.C. BROUGHT THAT ABOUT. DEPARTMENT MANAGERS AND
23 DIRECTORS. AGAIN TALKING ABOUT THESE ISSUES, WE'RE DIVIDED
24 INTO VARIOUS CLUSTERS AND THESE CLUSTERS SHARE COMMON BUSINESS
25 RISKS. AND THAT'S A KEY PLACE TO DISCUSS THESE. COUNTY COUNSEL



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1 IN RECOGNIZING THE CHALLENGES OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
2 CONSOLIDATION, COUNTY COUNSEL IS LOOKING AT DIFFERENT METHODS
3 AND INNOVATIVE METHODS OF TRYING TO REDUCE THE COSTS THAT ARE
4 BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE SUPERIOR COURT CONSOLIDATION, WHICH IS
5 CAUSED BY THEIR BUDGETARY PROBLEMS. WE DON'T HAVE COURT
6 REPORTERS IN THE COURTS ANYMORE. WE HAVE TO PAY FOR THOSE
7 OURSELVES. WE HAVE TO ADDRESS THAT ISSUE. MEDIATION ISSUES ARE
8 NOT FREE. SO WE HAVE TO DEVISE WAYS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE GET--
9 MOVE THINGS ALONG AND GET THE CASES SETTLED THAT SHOULD BE
10 SETTLED. FINALLY, WE NEED TO MAINTAIN THE URGENCY THAT WE'VE
11 HAD THUS FAR. THE \$26 MILLION REDUCTION IS A TESTAMENT TO THIS
12 BOARD'S ACTION AND ATTENTION TO THE ISSUES OF RISK MANAGEMENT.
13 AND UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF SUPERVISOR MOLINA, WE'VE BEEN ABLE
14 TO GET THE TOOLS THAT WE NEED TO ATTACK THESE ISSUES AND IN
15 THE EMPLOYMENT AREA IT SHOWS RESULTS. AND OF COURSE THOSE
16 RESULTS WERE THE EFFORTS FROM A LOT OF PEOPLE, FROM PEOPLE,
17 RISK MANAGERS AND DEPARTMENTS AND EXECUTIVES IN DEPARTMENTS AS
18 WELL AS THE RISK MANAGERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY AND ATTORNEYS
19 IN THE COUNTY COUNSEL'S OFFICE. SO I KNOW THAT YOU'RE
20 DEDICATED TO THIS, THE PROPOSITION OF KEEPING THESE FEES AND
21 COSTS AND JUDGMENTS AND SETTLEMENTS DOWN. SO THANK YOU.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. BEFORE I TURN IT BACK TO
24 SUPERVISOR MOLINA, I JUST WOULD ADD, OBVIOUSLY THAT'S A VERY
25 GOOD REPORT. I THINK YOU CAN JUMP UP AND DOWN ABOUT IT BUT THE



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1 NUMBERS ARE GOING THE RIGHT WAY. I THINK THE IMPORTANT THING
2 WAS PROBABLY PART OF YOUR LAST PRESENTATION, AND THAT'S TO
3 STAY THE COURSE TO CONTINUE TO MOVE THOSE NUMBERS DOWN.
4 SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN, YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. IT'S A
7 VERY GOOD REPORT. I WANT TO THANK MR. ESTABROOK BECAUSE HE'S
8 DONE A VERY GOOD JOB. HE AND I TALKED. I ALWAYS WANT IT TO GO
9 FASTER. AND I THINK THAT IT KIND OF CHANGES. BUT ONE OF THE
10 MOST IMPORTANT THINGS ABOUT THIS REPORT IS IT IS REALLY A
11 SNAPSHOT OF WHAT IS GOING ON. AND IF YOU LOOK AT HIS REPORTS
12 FROM THE VERY BEGINNING AS WE HAVE MOVED FORWARD AND THE
13 NUMBERS ARE VERY SIGNIFICANT AND THEY'RE IMPORTANT. BUT THE
14 OVERALL CONCEPT OF WHAT'S GOING OFF, COLLECTING THE DATA,
15 ANALYZING THIS DATA, LOOKING AT THE TRENDING, IS GIVING US THE
16 OPPORTUNITY TO DO THE KIND OF WORK THAT WE NEED TO DO AS RISK
17 MANAGERS, AS WELL. AND SO THE LIABILITY ISSUE CAN GO UP, IT
18 CAN GO DOWN. IT CAN DO ALL KINDS OF THINGS AT ANY MOMENT
19 BECAUSE LAWSUITS, AS WE ALL KNOW, YOU CAN'T PREDICT EXACTLY.
20 BUT THE TRENDING ASPECT OF SOME OF THESE THINGS IS SOMETHING
21 THAT YOU CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT. AND I THINK THAT IS THE PART
22 THAT SPEAKS VOLUMES. WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS
23 THAT WE STARTED UNDERTAKING IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
24 SERVICES THAT IS NOW SPREAD OUT TO ALL OF THE DIFFERENT
25 DEPARTMENTS, IT SPEAKS TO HAVING A DEPARTMENT TAKE OWNERSHIP,



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1 AS WELL, OF THOSE COSTS. WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE ISSUES OF THE
2 SHERIFF ALONE AND THE FACT THERE WASN'T OWNERSHIP THERE OF
3 MANY OF THOSE ISSUES, WE'RE GOING TO SEE ONGOING PROBLEMS IN
4 THAT REGARD. BUT WHEN YOU START SEEING SOME OF THE EMPLOYMENT
5 ISSUES AND SOME OF THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS AND WHEN THE
6 DEPARTMENT HEAD AS WELL AS OUR RISK MANAGER AND EVERYONE ELSE
7 STARTS TO TAKE NOTE OF IT, EVERY TIME WE SEE THESE DOLLARS
8 GOING INTO LIABILITY, WHICH AGAIN IS UNPREDICTABLE IN TIME,
9 BUT IT'S ALMOST SEEING SERVICES WALK AWAY. THIS IS MONEY THAT
10 COULD HAVE BEEN INVESTED IN A PREVENTIVE, IN A SUPPORTIVE KIND
11 OF THING. EVERYBODY HATES PAYING LAWSUITS. BUT AT THE END OF
12 THE DAY, WE'RE A MAJOR CORPORATION. AND EVERY MAJOR
13 CORPORATION HAS A MAJOR AMOUNT OF LIABILITY. BUT THE FACT THAT
14 WE TAKE THIS SNAPSHOT. WE LOOK AT IT. WE ANALYZE IT. AND WE
15 PUT IN PLACE A WHOLE SERIES OF PROTECTIONS, THE NUMBERS ALONE
16 ARE DRAMATICALLY STAGGERING, I THINK, IN MANY WAYS. THEY ARE
17 VERY HIGH. AND YET THEY'RE COMING DOWN. WHEN YOU LOOK AT
18 INDIVIDUALIZING IT WITHIN THE DEPARTMENTS AND YOU LOOK AT 10
19 DEPARTMENTS REALLY BEING OVER 50 PERCENT OF ALL THE LIABILITY,
20 OF ALL THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS, IT SPEAKS VOLUMES. BUT THE MOST
21 IMPORTANT POINT IS THAT MR. ESTABROOK AND HIS TEAM HAVE PUT
22 TOGETHER THIS REPORT, IT REALLY GIVES US A SNAPSHOT OF WHAT'S
23 GOING ON. AND IT GIVES THE OPPORTUNITY FOR MR. ROBLES AS A
24 RISK MANAGER TO START LOOKING AT THAT TRENDING, SEEING WHAT IT
25 IS THAT WE CAN DO AND HOW PARTICULARLY IN THE AREAS, WHEN YOU



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1 LOOK AT EMPLOYMENT ISSUES, AND YOU LOOK AT WHAT WENT WRONG,
2 AND YOU HAVE TO LOOK BACK IN ORDER TO MOVE FORWARD SO THAT
3 HOPEFULLY YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO FIX THESE THINGS. SO I
4 APPLAUD MR. ESTABROOK. I APPLAUD MR. ROBLES FOR HOW THEY HAVE
5 BEEN MOVING FORWARD. BUT I ALSO WANT TO APPLAUD THE
6 DEPARTMENTS WHO HAVE EMBRACED THE COST LITIGATION REPORT,
7 BECAUSE THEY'RE THE ONES THAT ARE REALLY KEEPING AN EYE ON
8 WHAT'S GOING ON. I AM HOPEFUL THAT OUR LAWYERS WILL BECOME
9 STRONGER AND MORE EFFECTIVE RISK MANAGERS. I THINK THEY'RE THE
10 ONES THAT COULD BEST TELL US: DON'T DO THIS AGAIN. THIS IS A
11 LAWSUIT. AND, AGAIN, THAT'S NOT PART OF THEIR LEGAL TRAINING.
12 IT'S NOT WHAT THEY DO. BUT HOPEFULLY WE'RE GOING TO ARM THEM
13 EVENTUALLY WITH THE TOOLS SO THAT WE ARE NOT GOING TO SEE
14 THESE KINDS OF THINGS. AND SO IT'S REALLY A VERY, VERY
15 INTERESTING SNAPSHOT THAT WE HAVE. NEXT YEAR A LAWSUIT COULD
16 WIPE OUT ALL OF THESE NUMBERS AND MAKE US LOOK LIKE WE'RE NOT
17 DOING AN EFFECTIVE JOB. BUT IT'S OF MORE TELLING THAN THE
18 NUMBERS ARE. IT'S THE WORK THAT'S GOING ON BEHIND IT, THE WORK
19 THAT L.E.R.C. IS DOING, ALL THE STAFF ARE DOING. I'M VERY
20 PROUD OF MARTY AND ALL THE WORK SHE'S BEEN DOING, AS WELL, ON
21 ALL OF IT. SO THIS WHOLE COLLECTIVE EFFORT, AGAIN, MAY SEEM
22 LIKE VERY BORING TO A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO MIGHT READ THIS
23 REPORT, BUT IT IS THE KIND OF SAVINGS THAT CAN GO INTO
24 SERVICES, WHICH IS REALLY WHAT WE'RE ABOUT, NOT HAVING TO PAY
25 OUT LAWSUITS. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, WE'RE GOING TO PAY THEM.



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1 AND WE KNOW WE HAVE THIS RESPONSIBILITY. HOW DO WE START
2 BRINGING DOWN THE OVERALL COSTS? HOW DO WE LOOK AT WHAT WE
3 NEED TO DO, INCLUDING WHAT WE'RE PAYING OUT FOR CONTRACT
4 LAWYERS, WHAT WE'RE DOING, HOW CAN WE BRING ABOUT MORE
5 SETTLEMENTS? HOW CAN WE RESOLVE THINGS? I THINK I'M VERY, VERY
6 CONCERNED ABOUT IT BUT I'M REALLY PROUD OF THE WORK THAT WE'VE
7 DONE UP TO NOW AND I THINK IT'S EXCELLENT.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I WOULD AGREE. I
10 THINK THE ISSUE CONTINUES TO BE IF THE TRENDING IS GOING THE
11 RIGHT WAY AND DEALING WITH THE FACTS AND FIGURES. THERE'S A
12 LOT OF ANALYSIS WE CAN DO TO SET OURSELVES UP. SOME OF THE
13 JUDGMENTS ULTIMATELY WERE JUST OUT OF OUR HANDS. THERE'S SOME
14 OF THEM WERE OUTRAGEOUS. BUT ON THE OTHER HAND, THAT'S PART OF
15 THE PROCESS. BUT WE'RE ABLE TO DO SOME OF THOSE SORT OF BACK
16 STORY KINDS OF THINGS THAT YOU'VE BEEN WORKING ON, I THINK
17 THAT'S WHERE THE IMPACT'S GOING TO BE DOWN THE ROAD AND
18 CONTINUE TO MOVE ON DOWN, WHICH IT SHOULD BE. ARE THERE ANY
19 OTHER COMMENTS? THIS IS A RECEIVE AND FILE ITEM? ARE THERE ANY
20 OTHER QUESTIONS? OKAY. I DO HAVE SOME FOLKS THAT HAVE SIGNED
21 UP.

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23 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DO THINK MR. ROBLES IS GOING TO PRESENT A BIT
24 OF A REPORT. BECAUSE THERE'S A WHOLE SERIES OF RISK
25 MANAGEMENT.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I DIDN'T REALIZE THAT. I WAS NOT TOLD.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT IS AN IMPORTANT ONE, AS WELL.

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6 **STEVE ROBLES:** IT IS A BRIEF REPORT. MR. ESTABROOK COVERED A
7 LOT OF THE ISSUES WE WERE GOING TO TALK ABOUT. I WILL BE
8 DISCUSSING THE JOINT REPORT, AS WELL, OF THE WORK THAT WE DO
9 TOGETHER BETWEEN C.E.O. RISK AND COUNTY COUNSEL. MY NAME IS
10 STEVE ROBLES. I AM THE COUNTY RISK MANAGER. I WILL BE
11 PRESENTING THE RISK MANAGEMENT 2013 ANNUAL REPORT. I WON'T GO
12 INTO ALL THE EXTENSIVE DETAILS BUT IN THE HIGHLIGHT OF THINGS,
13 WE WILL BE TALKING ABOUT WORKERS' COMP, WHICH IS THE OTHER END
14 OF OUR EXPENSES, TALKING ABOUT OUR ACTUARIAL VALUES AND HOW WE
15 DEAL WITH THE SIGNIFICANT DOLLARS THAT GO INTO THE WORKER'S
16 COMP ARENA, WE'LL BE TALKING A LITTLE BIT ABOUT DISABILITY
17 MANAGEMENT AS WELL AS THE LIABILITY LAWSUITS. BUT MOST
18 IMPORTANTLY, WHAT WE DID ABOUT CLAIMS AND LOSSES THIS YEAR AND
19 WHAT WE PLANNED ON FOR LAST YEAR AND WHAT WE PLAN ON DOING
20 THIS YEAR TO CONTINUE THE SUCCESSES THAT WERE SEEN. IN SUMMARY
21 OF LOSSES, AS MR. ESTABROOK EXPLAINED, WE ARE SEEING
22 SIGNIFICANT DECREASES IN VIRTUALLY ALL OF OUR LOSS CATEGORIES
23 EXCEPT FOR WORKER'S COMP. THE WORKER'S COMP IS HOLDING STEADY.
24 WE IN GENERAL LIABILITY LOSSES OUTSIDE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, WE
25 ARE SEEING REDUCTIONS IN THE ACTUAL NUMBER OF CLAIMS THAT ARE



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1 OCCURRING, AND WE ALSO SEE THE SAME NUMBER OF LOSS REDUCTIONS.
2 THE TOTAL COST OF RISK TO THE COUNTY, WHICH IS BASICALLY HOW
3 MUCH WE'RE PAYING OUT, WAS REDUCED ALL TOTAL. WHEN YOU ADD
4 EVERYTHING UP BETWEEN ALL THE EXPENSES ABOUT 12-1/2 MILLION
5 DOLLARS LAST YEAR. WHILE NOT INCREDIBLY SIGNIFICANT, IT IS IN
6 THE RIGHT DIRECTION. AND A LOT OF THE CATEGORIES THAT WE'RE
7 SEEING ARE VERY IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT IS-- THEY DO HAVE A LOT
8 TO DO WITH WHAT WE'VE DONE IN THE PAST PRIOR TO ME GETTING
9 HERE. AND THE FOCUS ON THESE LOSS CATEGORIES, BE IT VEHICLE
10 LIABILITY OR EMPLOYMENT LIABILITY OR WHAT HAVE YOU, THOSE
11 FOCUS AREAS HELP US IN THE LONG RUN FOR YEARS TO COME. ONE OF
12 THE WAYS WE DEAL WITH THE SIGNIFICANT DOLLARS DEALING WITH THE
13 WORKERS' COMP IS BY LOOKING AT THE DOLLARS THAT IT'S COSTING.
14 THE WORKERS' COMP PROGRAM COSTS US OVER 75 PERCENT OF OUR
15 TOTAL LOSSES OF THAT COST TO RISK IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO WORKERS'
16 COMP. IN ORDER TO FIGURE OUT HOW WE'RE GOING TO BE MOVING
17 FORWARD AND FOR BUDGETING PURPOSES WE EMPLOY THE SERVICES OF
18 AN ACTUARIAL ANALYSIS. AND I WON'T BORE YOU WITH ALL THE
19 MULTIPLE PAGES OF THE ACTUARIAL ANALYSIS, BUT THEY DID HAVE
20 SOME PRETTY SIGNIFICANT POINTS THAT I WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT. THE
21 ACTUARIAL ANALYSIS IS THE PROJECTION OF THE COSTS ASSOCIATED
22 WITH OUR PAST, CURRENT AND FUTURE WORKERS' COMP CLAIMS. THIS
23 IS NOT JUST THE CLAIMS THAT OCCURRED THIS YEAR OR LAST YEAR.
24 THIS IS GOING BACK ALL THE WAY UNTIL THE '50S, '60S AND '70S
25 AND THOSE PEOPLE THAT HAVE FILED CLAIMS THAT ARE STILL



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1 RECEIVING VARIOUS BENEFITS. ONE OF THE THREE IMPORTANT POINTS
2 I WANTED TO COVER IS THAT OUR ESTIMATED ULTIMATE LOSSES OF
3 WORKERS' COMP IS REMAINING STEADY AT ABOUT \$2.08 BILLION. IT
4 HAD BEEN PROJECTED TO GO UP YEARS AGO. AND WE'RE HOLDING
5 STEADY. AND WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THOSE KIND OF NUMBERS, IT'S
6 IMPORTANT THAT WE SEE THAT THAT IS HOLDING STEADY. OF THOSE
7 PAST COSTS, APPROXIMATELY 25 PERCENT OF OUR PAID LOSSES ARE
8 ATTRIBUTABLE TO CLAIMS OLDER THAN 10 YEARS OLD. IT'S IMPORTANT
9 FOR US AS CLAIM HANDLERS TO UNDERSTAND THAT AS WE HAVE CLAIMS
10 THAT ARE OLDER THAN 10 YEARS OLD, WE NEED TO BE LOOKING AT
11 THOSE. AND WE WILL BE LOOKING AT THOSE TO REDUCE THOSE COSTS.
12 ONE OTHER IMPORTANT FACT IS THAT WAS BROUGHT OUT IN ACTUARIAL
13 ANALYSIS IS THAT THE COST OF WORKERS' COMP CLAIMS, WHILE IT IS
14 LARGE NUMBERS, IS GOING TO BE \$5.16 PER \$100 OF PAYROLL. SO AS
15 WE BUDGET FOR PAYROLL AND WANT TO KNOW WHAT WORKER'S COMP IS
16 GOING TO COST, THAT'S ABOUT WHERE WE'RE AT. IT'S ABOUT A 1
17 PERCENT INCREASE PER YEAR GOING FORWARD. THE 2013 WORKERS'
18 COMP LOSSES SHOWED THAT WE ONLY HAD-- WE HAD LESS THAN 1
19 PERCENT INCREASE IN FREQUENCY OF THE CLAIMS. WHILE THE COSTS
20 ASSOCIATED WITH THOSE CLAIMS WENT UP OVER 2-1/2 PERCENT. NOW,
21 IN 2013, WE SAW SIGNIFICANT LEGISLATIVE CHANGES IN THE
22 WORKERS' COMP SYSTEM THAT REQUIRES US TO INCREASE OUR PAYMENTS
23 AND SO FORTH, SO WE EXPECTED TO SEE AN INCREASE. AND THAT WILL
24 BE CONTINUING TO GO UP AS THE LEGISLATION CONTINUES TO MOVE
25 FORWARD. BUT THERE'S THREE PRIMARY AREAS THAT WE WANT TO LOOK



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1 AT: MEDICAL TREATMENT, PERMANENT DISABILITY AND TEMPORARY
2 DISABILITY. THERE'S SOMETHING WE CAN DO ABOUT EACH ONE OF
3 THOSE. AND WHAT WE DID IN 2013 IS FOCUS ON A NUMBER OF THE
4 AREAS. THE FIRST THING IS WE WILL DO A WORKERS' COMP IS
5 OBVIOUSLY TO PREVENT THE INJURY FROM HAPPENING IN THE FIRST
6 PLACE. WE DON'T HAVE TO PAY WORKERS' COMP ON NONINJURED
7 EMPLOYEES. THAT'S PRETTY OBVIOUS. BUT TO GET THERE WE HAVE TO,
8 AND WE HAVE BEEN, PROVIDING QUARTERLY LOSS CONTROL AND
9 PREVENTION MEETINGS FOR ALL THE DEPARTMENT STAFFS. WE PROVIDE,
10 THE C.E.O. PROVIDES A SPECIFIC LOSS CONTROL TRAINING TO
11 DEPARTMENTS AS NEEDED AS WELL AS WHEN WE SEE OPPORTUNITIES
12 THAT COME ABOUT, WHETHER IT'S IN WORKERS' COMP CLAIM OR IF WE
13 SEE AN INCIDENT THAT OCCURRED, WE GO OUT AND PROVIDE THOSE
14 CONSULTATIONS. ONE OF THE BIG WINS THAT WE HAD FOR THIS YEAR
15 THAT GOES ACROSS ALL LINES OF COVERAGE BUT ESPECIALLY WORKERS'
16 COMP IS THE ISSUANCE AND ROLLOUT OF OUR DASHBOARDS. EACH
17 DEPARTMENT HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT THEIR DASHBOARD ON A
18 DAILY, WEEKLY, MONTHLY BASIS, HOWEVER THEY CHOOSE TO LOOK AT
19 IT, TO START IDENTIFYING THOSE TRENDS THAT WE SPOKE OF
20 EARLIER. THAT TREND ANALYSIS IS WHAT TELLS US ON A REALTIME
21 BASIS WHERE WE NEED TO GO NEXT WEEK, NEXT MONTH, NEXT QUARTER.
22 NOT DOING THIS ON AN ANNUAL BASIS. AND THIS IS WHERE WE MADE A
23 FUNDAMENTAL SHIFT HOW WE WORK WITH RISK MANAGEMENT. WE ALSO
24 WORKED WITH THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO START FRAUD
25 TRAINING FOR NOT ONLY OUR THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATORS BUT OUT



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1 WITH THE COUNTY, AS WELL. AND THROUGH L.E.R.C., WE STARTED
2 COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE RISK ALERT THAT WE SEND OUT TO
3 HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE VIRTUALLY MONTHLY. IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY THAT
4 WE USE TO SPEED UP THE PROCESS WHERE WE SEE RISKS OR
5 OPPORTUNITIES DEVELOPING THAT WE CAN SEND SOMETHING OUT, GET
6 IT OUT IN A MASS MEDIA TYPE OF STANDPOINT. AND THEN WE ALSO
7 CONTINUE TO PARTNER WITH DEPARTMENTS TO DEAL WITH THEIR RECAP
8 REPORTS TO TALK ABOUT WHERE WE'RE GOING FOR EACH DEPARTMENT
9 INDIVIDUALLY. NOW, THIS YEAR WE'RE GOING TO DO SOMETHING.
10 WE'VE ALREADY STARTED OUR THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACTS.
11 THANKS TO THE BOARD, WE HAVE TWO NEW TOP TIER THIRD-PARTY
12 ADMINISTRATORS IN THE WORKERS' COMP ARENA AND WE ALREADY HAD
13 SIGNIFICANT DISCUSSIONS WITH THEM ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES THAT WE
14 CAN MOVE FORWARD ON WITH THEM ON AS IT PERTAINS TO CLAIMS. WE
15 ARE ALSO GOING TO BE DEALING WITH MEDICAL MANAGEMENT
16 COMPANIES. AND HOW FAST WE'RE GETTING OUR EMPLOYEES BACK TO
17 WORK. WE'RE GOING TO BE LOOKING AT ADHERENCE TO EVIDENCE-BASED
18 MEDICAL TREATMENT GUIDELINES, WHICH BASICALLY IS TELLING US
19 HOW LONG PEOPLE SHOULD BE OFF OF WORK ONCE THEY'RE INJURED.
20 AND THEN WE ARE GOING TO BE WORKING AND COMBINING THIS
21 INFORMATION WITH OUR RETURN-TO-WORK AND DISABILITY MANAGEMENT
22 PROGRAMS TO LOWER THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT ARE OFF OF WORK
23 FOR LONGER PERIODS. BEFORE I GOT HERE I BELIEVE IT WAS TWO
24 YEARS AGO, THE COUNTY INSTITUTED A PHARMACY BENEFIT PROGRAM.
25 WE'RE GOING TO BE IMPROVING THE USE OF THAT PHARMACY BENEFIT



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1 PROGRAM. THAT WILL TAKE OUR MEDICAL COSTS DOWN. AND WE'LL BE
2 LOOKING AT THE PERFORMANCE METRICS OF THE COMPANIES THAT WE
3 ARE DOING BUSINESS WITH TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE GETTING AS OF
4 AS POSSIBLE USAGE OUT OF THAT. AND THEN AS THE NEW, TWO NEW
5 T.P.A.S JUST STARTED JANUARY 1ST OF THIS YEAR. WE'LL BE
6 HITTING THE NEW T.P.A.S ON FRAUD TRAINING, AS WELL, AND THAT
7 WILL CONTINUE FOR THE REST OF THIS FISCAL YEAR. SOMETHING NEW
8 THAT WASN'T IN PRIOR ANNUAL REPORTS THAT I THOUGHT IT PRETTY
9 SIGNIFICANT IS OUR DISABILITY MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS, DEALING
10 WITH LONG TERM DISABILITY, RETURN TO WORK, SHORT-TERM
11 DISABILITY AND OUR SURVIVOR BENEFITS. THE DISABILITY
12 MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE OVERALL, ALL OF OUR PROGRAMS WENT DOWN,
13 WHICH IS GOOD. THAT MEANS WE HAVE LESS PEOPLE OFF AND
14 UTILIZING THOSE PROGRAMS OR UTILIZING THOSE BENEFITS. BUT WE
15 WANT TO FOCUS ON LONG TERM DISABILITY AND RETURN TO WORK. IN
16 THAT ARENA, AND THE REASON WE FOCUS ON THAT IS THAT HAS A
17 BIGGER IMPACT ON OUR DEPARTMENTS. AND AS WE HAVE EMPLOYEES
18 THAT ARE OUT FOR LONGER PERIODS OF TIME, THEY CANNOT FULFILL
19 THOSE POSITIONS OR FILL THOSE POSITIONS WHILE THEY'RE OUT, AND
20 THAT IMPACTS THE SERVICES WE PROVIDE OUT IN THE COMMUNITIES.
21 THIS YEAR, THE LONG TERM DISABILITY SAW DECREASES OF 8.8
22 PERCENT IN CLAIMS. AND AS OF JULY, I'M SORRY. YEAH. JUNE 30TH,
23 WE HAD A TOTAL OF 1504 OPEN CLAIMS. OF THOSE, 57 PERCENT OF
24 THOSE WERE WORK RELATED. AND THOSE ARE THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT
25 WE WANT TO TAKE THIS YEAR TO LOOK AT AND WHY ARE THEY OFF OF



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1 WORK? AND WHAT IS IT WE CAN DO TO HELP THEM GET BACK TO WORK?
2 IN 2013, WE ALSO MADE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE RETURN TO WORK
3 PROGRAM WHERE WE CHANGED A LITTLE BIT OF WHAT WE'RE DOING TO
4 IMPROVE THE DIRECTION TO OUR RETURN TO WORK COORDINATORS. EACH
5 DEPARTMENT HAS RETURN TO WORK COORDINATORS. AND THEY VARY IN
6 TERMS OF EXPERIENCE AS WELL AS THE RESOURCES THEY HAVE. SO WE
7 WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE UPDATED WHAT THEY'RE DOING FOR US
8 CONSISTENTLY ACROSS THE COUNTY. WE ISSUED OUT FINAL
9 ORGANIZATION PROCEDURES.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** DO YOU WANT TO WRAP IT UP AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE?

12

13 **STEVE ROBLES:** OKAY, I CAN. I'M ALMOST DONE.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY

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17 **STEVE ROBLES:** ALL RIGHT. SO IN THAT STANDPOINT, WE'VE PROVIDED
18 A LOT OF TRAINING FOR THE RETURN-TO-WORK COORDINATORS. WE
19 UPDATED THEIR SYSTEMS. AND IN 2014, WE PLAN ON IMPROVING THEIR
20 MEASUREMENT TOOLS WITH THE DASHBOARD ROLLOUT. WE'LL DO THE
21 SAME THING WE DID FOR WORKERS' COMP AND LIABILITY CLAIMS FOR
22 THE RETURN-TO-WORK PEOPLE. SO WE'LL BE ABLE TO SEE WHERE OUR
23 OPPORTUNITIES ARE SO WE CAN THEN GET IN THERE AND FIX THEM AND
24 TO GET OUR PEOPLE BACK TO WORK SOONER. SO THAT CONCLUDES THAT



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1 PART. I CAN SKIP OVER THE GENERAL LIABILITY PART SINCE-- YOU
2 GUYS SEE THAT IT'S GOOD NEWS ALL THE WAY AROUND.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND. HOW MANY MORE PAGES DO YOU HAVE?

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6 **STEVE ROBLES:** I'M DONE.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THERE'S OBVIOUSLY ONE DISAGREEMENT. YOUR
9 INTERPRETATION OF BRIEF. [LAUGHTER.]

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11 **STEVE ROBLES:** I THINK LAST YEAR I WENT TOO BRIEF. AND THIS
12 YEAR I WENT TOO LONG. I'LL GET IT RIGHT NEXT YEAR, I PROMISE.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT MR. CHAIRMAN, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT'S
15 IMPORTANT TO NOTE ABOUT IN THE WORK MR. ROBLES HAS BEEN DOING
16 WHICH HAS BEEN VERY, VERY EFFECTIVE. RECENTLY, IF YOU READ IN
17 THE "NEW YORK TIMES" THERE WAS A HUGE FRAUD RING THAT WAS
18 BROKEN UP, AND I DON'T KNOW IF IT WAS WITH THE CITY OR HOW IT
19 WAS DONE, FIRE DEPARTMENT...

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** N.Y.P.D.

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23 **SUP. MOLINA:** POLICE DEPARTMENT AND ALL OF THEM, I MEAN THEY
24 HAD A WHOLE FRAUD OPERATION GOING ON AS TO HOW TO TAKE
25 ADVANTAGE OF WORKMAN'S COMP CLAIMS AND THINGS OF THAT SORT.



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1 THE KIND OF WORK THAT MR. ROBLES IS DOING WITH THE DEPARTMENTS
2 IS GOING TO HELP US FERRET THAT OUT AT ANY LEVEL. I'M NOT
3 SAYING--THE MOST IMPORTANT THING ABOUT WORKMAN'S COMP IS THAT
4 WHEN YOU NEED IT, IT HAS TO BE THERE. IT IS A VERY IMPORTANT
5 PROGRAM FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE INJURED ON THE JOB. BUT THE FRAUD
6 THAT'S INVOLVED IS UNBELIEVABLE AND CAN BE RAMPANT IF WE DO
7 NOT KEEP A CHECK ON IT. WHILE THE WORK THAT HE'S DOING MAY
8 SOUND _____ IS JUST VERY SIGNIFICANT, VERY IMPORTANT. THE
9 OTHER PART OF IT TO REALIZE IS THAT WHEN YOU TAKE SOMEONE OUT
10 IN A WORKMAN'S COMP THING, THAT POSITION FOR THE MOST PART IS
11 FROZEN. WHAT HAPPENS IS FINANCIALLY YOU'RE PAYING FOR THAT
12 POSITION, YOU'RE PAYING WORKMAN'S COMP AND YOU LOSE THE
13 PRODUCTIVITY OF THAT POSITION. WE SAW THAT IN CHILDREN'S
14 SERVICES WITH OUR SOCIAL WORKERS WHEN WE FOUND OUT HOW MANY
15 WERE OUT.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** PROBATION.

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19 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND PROBATION, EXACTLY. AND THAT IS THE PAINFUL
20 ASPECT OF IT ALL. SO I KNOW THERE'S A LOT GOING ON. BUT THE
21 KIND OF WORK THEY'RE DOING AND WORKING IN THE DEPARTMENT AND
22 THE DEPARTMENT TAKING OWNERSHIP IS HAVING A DRAMATIC, DRAMATIC
23 CHANGE NOT ONLY FINANCIALLY BUT ON THE PRODUCTIVITY LEVEL AS
24 WELL. I WANT TO GIVE A LOT OF CREDIT TO MR. ROBLES AND HIS
25 TEAM FOR THE KIND OF WORK THEY'VE BEEN DOING. AND EVERY SO



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1 OFTEN I WILL CALL HIM ON SOME OF THESE THINGS AND HE FOLLOWS
2 UP RIGHT AWAY AND THEY START WORKING ON A PLAN OF HOW TO FIND
3 THEIR WAY OUT OF IT. SO IT IS REALLY SOLID WORK THAT IS GOING
4 ON WITHIN THESE TWO DEPARTMENTS THAT IS REALLY GOING A LONG
5 WAY TO HELP US IN BRINGING DOWN OUR COSTS, BUT MORE
6 IMPORTANTLY TO MAKE SURE THAT THOSE SERVICES HAVE THE KIND OF
7 INTEGRITY THEY SHOULD HAVE. SO I THANK YOU FOR THAT.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU BOTH. ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS?
10 WE HAVE A COUPLE FOLKS SIGNED UP. ARNOLD SACHS AND TERESIJA
11 SIGMUND NO, I DON'T HAVE YOU, SIR. I'M NOT KIDDING YOU. I
12 DON'T HAVE YOU.

13

14 **TERESIJA SIGMUND:** THIS IS TERESIJA SIGMUND. I SHOULD SAY IT IS
15 NOT A SURPRISE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN SERVICES ARE
16 NO. 3 ON THE LITIGATION ISSUES BUT WHAT IS SURPRISED IS THE
17 LOW NUMBER GIVEN THEIR LIABILITY. WITHOUT MENTIONING THE NAME
18 OF THE VERY FAMOUS LAWYER, WHO SIMPLY HAD A DEGREE FROM
19 INTERNET LAW SCHOOL AND HE GOT AN UNBELIEVABLY HIGH AMOUNT
20 AGAINST D.C.F.S. IN ORANGE COUNTY AND THE SAME IS HAPPENING
21 OUT HERE, SAME INDIVIDUAL FILED A HUGE LAWSUIT AGAINST HARBOR-
22 U.C.L.A. THAT IS SOMETHING THAT YOU WILL HAVE TO FACE SOONER
23 OR LATER. AND I HAVE TOLD YOU NUMEROUS TIMES THAT AT HARBOR-
24 U.C.L.A. THERE'S SOME VERY CORRUPT WAYS IN WHICH THEY SIGN UP
25 CHILDREN THAT ARE NOT SICK WITH THE HELP OF THE D.C.F.S. AND



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1 THEN END UP FOR FINANCIAL REASONS KEEPING THESE PEOPLE IN THE
2 SYSTEM FOR SO LONG. MY CHILD IS ONE OF THE CANDIDATES. I HAVE
3 PAPERWORK TO PROVE WHAT I AM SAYING. YOU CAN SIT HERE AND
4 DISCOUNT EVERYTHING THAT PEOPLE SAY THAT COME HERE. BUT THE
5 LAWSUIT IS NOT BY ME, IT'S BY ANOTHER PARENT. SAME PATTERN,
6 AND THAT IS SOMETHING YOU'LL HAVE TO FACE. ANOTHER THING IS,
7 YOU KNOW, YOU JUST SAID YOU WANT TO HAVE A LIST OF WAIVERS
8 LAST TIME FOR PEOPLE THAT HAVE CRIMINAL BACKGROUNDS TO END UP
9 BEING FOSTER CUSTODIANS. I IMAGINE YOU ARE RUNNING OUT OF
10 PEOPLE TO DO IT. WHAT KIND OF LIABILITY WILL THAT BE TO YOU
11 WHEN THESE PEOPLE HAPPEN DOING SOMETHING BAD TO THESE CHILDREN
12 AND YOU KNEW THEY WERE CRIMINALS, YOU GAVE THEM WAIVERS. THE
13 OTHER THING IS WITH THE FACT THAT ALL THESE PEOPLE IN THE
14 FOSTER CARE SYSTEM AND THOSE COURTHOUSES ARE MELANIN- RICH OR
15 BROWN PEOPLE OR SOME SORT OF MINORITY, YOU'RE PLAYING RUSSIAN
16 ROULETTE. SOONER OR LATER SOMEBODY IS GOING TO FIGURE THIS
17 OUT, SLAP YOU WITH SUCH A HORRIBLE CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT THAT
18 IT'S GOING TO MAKE YOUR HEAD SPIN. I WENT TO COURT ON THE 7TH
19 OF JANUARY. FIVE OUT OF ALMOST 200 PEOPLE WERE MY COMPLEXION.
20 THE REST WERE DARK, DARK-SKINNED PEOPLE. THAT CAN'T BE
21 ANYTHING BUT A LAWSUIT AGAINST HUGE RACIAL DISCRIMINATION.

22

23 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ABUNDANCE OF TIME
24 FOR THREE ITEMS. SOME OF THE THINGS THAT WERE MENTIONED IN THE
25 REPORT, SOMETHING WAS MENTIONED ABOUT THE WHITTIER CASE. AND



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1 AGAIN I REITERATE WHEN SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, WHEN THAT
2 HEARING WAS HELD HERE, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY WAS DRILLING THE
3 GENTLEMAN FROM THE OIL COMPANY, HIS CONCERNS, AND THE
4 GENTLEMAN MENTIONED THAT COUNTY COUNSEL HAD A CHANCE TO LOOK
5 AT THE BALLOT MEASURE BEFORE IT WAS ACTED ON. SO WHAT HAPPENED
6 WITH COUNTY COUNSEL LOOKING AT THAT MEASURE THAT NOW IT'S A
7 COURT CASE? BECAUSE I WOULD IMAGINE, I WOULD THINK THAT COUNTY
8 COUNSEL WOULD SAY: "OH, THIS MEANS NOTHING." OR IT WOULD
9 REPORT TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. SO WHAT ACTION DID YOU
10 TAKE-- OR DIDN'T TAKE-- THAT WOULD ALLOW IT TO MOVE FORWARD?
11 BECAUSE YOU WERE THE ULTIMATE POWER. AND THEN THE SHERIFFS,
12 SUPERVISOR MOLINA MANAGED TO REMOVE FROM THE AGENDA ANY
13 DISCUSSION ABOUT CAMERAS IN THE SHERIFF'S. AND SO THE PORTION
14 OF THE LITIGATION THAT PAID OUT THROUGH THAT. AND IT HAPPENED
15 RIGHT AFTER THERE WAS AN ARTICLE IN THE L.A. TIMES ABOUT HOW
16 THE L.A.P.D. WAS GETTING FUNDING TO PUT CAMERAS ON ALL THEIR
17 POLICE. WE DON'T HEAR ANYTHING ABOUT CAMERAS ANYMORE.
18 SOMETHING WAS MENTIONED ABOUT THE TRENDING ACTIONS TAKEN BY
19 THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. AND I'M SURE THAT THAT WAS
20 THE FALLOUT FROM M.L.K. BECAUSE WHEN IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT
21 THEY CLOSED THE HOSPITAL ON THE INADEQUATE TRAINING, THEY HAD
22 TO DO SOMETHING. SOMETHING WAS MENTIONED ABOUT THE COUNTY
23 BEING A MAJOR CORPORATION. LET ME GIVE YOU ANOTHER HEAD OF A
24 MAJOR CORPORATION THAT YOU'RE MORE LIKELY TO FOLLOW IN HIS



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1 FOOTSTEPS AND THAT WOULD BE BERNIE MADOFF. HE WAS ALSO PART OF
2 A MAJOR CORPORATION.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WOW, WOW, HOW SPECIAL. THANK YOU. MR.
5 PREVEN?

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7 **ERIC PREVEN:** BUT JOHN KRATTLI WILL TALK TO BILL FUJIOKA DURING
8 THIS? THAT'S FINE.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IT'S NOT YOUR JOB. WE'RE RUNNING THE
11 MEETING FROM HERE.

12

13 **ERIC PREVEN:** FAIR ENOUGH. THE RESPECT PIECE IS FIRMLY IN
14 PLACE. SO HERE WE GO. THIS PARTICULAR ISSUE, SUPERVISOR
15 MOLINA, HAS TO DO WITH THE COUNTY RISK AND LITIGATION. AND AS
16 YOU RECALL, THE H.B.R. CONSULTING GROUP WAS ENGAGED BY MR.
17 FUJIOKA. WE PAID \$553,000 TO GET A GROUP FROM CHICAGO CALLED
18 H.B.R. CONSULTING TO DO A REPORT ON HOW COUNTY COUNSEL HAS
19 BEEN PERFORMING IN THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS. THEY OMITTED FROM
20 THAT LOOK THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND VARIOUS KEY SORE SPOTS
21 WHERE WE DIDN'T WANT TO GET A CLOSER LOOK. BUT ISSUES LIKE
22 AMERICAN GOLF AND WHITTIER NARROWS AND THOSE ISSUES ARE
23 DEFINITELY INSIDE THE PURVIEW OF WHAT THEY WERE LOOKING AT
24 WHETHER OR NOT WE HAD THE RIGHT NUMBER OF LAWYERS DOING THE
25 RIGHT NUMBER OF THINGS. AND THAT REPORT CAME BACK. AND THE



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1 C.E.O.'S OFFICE DECLINED TO PRESENT IT TO THE PUBLIC. YOU'VE
2 ALL SENILITY, OR A VERSION OF IT, I'M SURE. GLORIA MOLINA HAS
3 SEEN IT, I'M SURE. BUT, NO, THE PUBLIC HAS NOT HAD A CHANCE TO
4 SEE IT, EVEN THOUGH IT WAS THE PUBLIC WHO RAISED THIS--

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THIS IS THE RISK MANAGEMENT ITEM, SIR.

7

8 **ERIC PREVEN:** THAT'S WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S NOT WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.

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12 **ERIC PREVEN:** I'M TALKING ABOUT THE COST OF LITIGATION. MAYBE
13 YOU DIDN'T SEE THE H.B.R. CONSULTING REPORT. IT HAD TO DO WITH
14 THE COUNTY COUNSEL--

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I'VE SEEN REPORTS. A LOT MORE REPORTS
17 THAN YOU HAVE SEEN. KEEP TALKING. ABSOLUTELY.

18

19 **ERIC PREVEN:** YOU'RE USING MY TIME. DO WHAT YOU LIKE TO DO,
20 SIR. D.C.F.S. ON THIS REPORT WHICH I DON'T THINK IS AS GOOD
21 NEWS AS THE REST OF YOU DO, IDENTIFIED \$3.2 MILLION IN
22 LAWSUITS DOWN FROM ABOUT 5 MILLION. THAT IS A SPECTACULARLY
23 NICE LITTLE BIT OF INFORMATION, BUT HAS IT EVER OCCURRED TO
24 YOU THE NUMBER OF LEGAL DOLLARS THAT WE SPEND TO WIND UP THAT
25 CHILDREN'S COURT THAT COMES TO YOU ON THE SUPERIOR COURT SIDE



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1 BUT WE HAVE AN ARMY OF CHILDREN DEFENDING CHILDREN, DEFENDING
2 ADULTS, SOME OF WHICH IS MUCH NEEDED BUT THE COST IS NOT
3 REFLECTED IN THIS REPORT. AT LEAST IF IT IS, I DON'T
4 UNDERSTAND HOW. PERHAPS IT IS, PERHAPS IT ISN'T. YOU TALK
5 ABOUT L.E.R.C. AND REDUCING LITIGATIONS, AND YET THE
6 TRANSPARENCY AND OPEN GOVERNMENT ISSUE--

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, YOUR TIME IS UP.

9

10 **ERIC PREVEN:** SOME OF WHICH YOU'RE FACING NOW IN COURT ARE
11 GOING TO BE FACING AGAIN IN COURT--

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE ITEM IS BEFORE US TO RECEIVE AND
14 FILE. THAT'S THE ONLY ACTION REQUIRED. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
15 MOLINA. THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTIONS. WE RECEIVED
16 AND FILED 32, 33, 34. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, ANY OTHER ITEMS? DO
17 YOU HAVE AN ADJOURNMENT?

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19 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, I DO. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN
20 THE MEMORY OF A VERY DISTINGUISHED LOS ANGELES RESIDENT AND
21 THAT'S MR. ARTHUR HIRSHBERG. HE'S THE BELOVED HUSBAND AND
22 LONG- TIME COMMUNITY ACTIVIST OF JUDITH HIRSHBERG. AFTER HIS
23 MILITARY SERVICE FOR THE UNITED STATES NAVY, ARTHUR ENJOYED A
24 LONG CAREER IN THE MANUFACTURING AND TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRIES
25 AND WAS ALSO WELL KNOWN FOR HIS EXTENSIVE COMMUNITY



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1 SERVICE. THROUGHOUT THE YEARS, HE LENT HIS NAME AS WELL AS HIS
2 TALENTS TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL, THE
3 YOUTH EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM, THE JEWISH HOME FOR THE
4 AGING AND NUMEROUS OTHER WORTHWHILE ORGANIZATIONS AND CAUSES.
5 I HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO TRAVEL WITH JUDY AND ARTHUR TO ISRAEL
6 MY VERY FIRST TIME, AND THEY WERE NOTHING BUT A DELIGHT. AND
7 I'M SURE WE WANT TO SEND OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCE TO JUDITH AND
8 HER ENTIRE FAMILY.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** COULD WE HAVE ALL MEMBERS, PLEASE?

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** SURE. THANK YOU. I'D ALSO LIKE TO ADJOURN IN
13 MEMORY OF EDDIE WHITE, ONE OF MY DISTRICT'S MOST DEVOTED AND
14 INSPIRING COMMUNITY ACTIVISTS. EDDIE WAS THE FOUNDER AND THE
15 PRESIDENT OF THE WESTLAKE NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL. OVER THE
16 YEARS HE WORKED TIRELESSLY TO KEEP HIS NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE,
17 CLEAN AND HE WAS A DEVOTED MEMBER TO LOCAL YOUTH, AS HE
18 MENTORED THEM ON VARIOUS PROJECTS AND ON THEIR LIFE. HIS LONG-
19 STANDING EFFORTS AS A GRASSROOTS ADVOCATE AND HIS EXCEPTIONAL
20 LEADERSHIP ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY IS SOMETHING THAT'S
21 NEVER GOING TO BE FORGOTTEN. SO WE WANT TO SEND OUR HEARTFELT
22 CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY, TO HIS NEIGHBORS, HIS FRIENDS AND
23 COLLEAGUES. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ANY OTHERS? SO ORDERED.
2 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, ARE YOU HOLDING ITEMS, OR DO YOU
3 WANT TO DO YOUR ADJOURNMENTS? I BELIEVE YOU ARE HOLDING ITEM
4 NO. 16?

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I AM, THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. JUST A FEW
7 OBSERVATIONS. A SHOUT OUT TO THE DEPARTMENTS AND THEIR WORK ON
8 THIS PARTICULAR ITEM IN TERMS OF THE INNOVATIVE APPROACH
9 THAT'S BEING TAKEN. IT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT COLLABORATION AND
10 CORRELATION BETWEEN HEALTH, WELLNESS AND HOUSING IS THE WAY IN
11 WHICH WE SHOULD GO FROM A PUBLIC POLICY PERSPECTIVE. IT ALSO
12 AVOIDS COSTS. AND IT SAVES DOLLARS. MR. CHAIRMAN AND
13 COLLEAGUES, YOU MAY REMEMBER ON THE 12TH OF NOVEMBER THAT IS
14 LAST YEAR, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED A HOMELESS
15 PREVENTION INITIATIVE MOTION THAT DIRECTED THE C.E.O., THE
16 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
17 AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS TO COORDINATE WITH EACH OTHER AS THE
18 COUNTY IMPLEMENTS RENTAL SUBSIDIES AND MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAMS
19 AND THE INSTRUCTIONS WERE GIVEN FOR THEM TO REPORT BACK.
20 D.H.S. AND RENTAL SUBSIDIES WERE DISCUSSED LAST FALL, AND I
21 WANT TO ENSURE THAT THEY REMAIN A PART OF THE EFFORT. THEY ARE
22 DOING SOLID WORK. D.H.S. IS LEVERAGING COUNTY DOLLARS TO DRAW
23 DOWN PHILANTHROPIC SUPPORT FROM THE HILTON FOUNDATION AND
24 OTHER PHILANTHROPIES HAVE EXPRESSED VERY SERIOUS INTEREST. SO,
25 MR. CHAIRMAN, YOU'LL RECALL THAT WE CO-AUTHORED THIS MOTION,



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1 AND THIS IS WHY WE SHOULD MOVE FORWARD WITH THE KIND OF
2 SUPPORT THAT MAKES SENSE. AND SO D.H.S. IS INVESTING. HILTON
3 IS INVESTING IN THIS. MY OFFICE IS, AS WELL, FOR A GRAND TOTAL
4 OF SOME \$4 MILLION. THIS IS THE RIGHT WAY TO GO. I SIMPLY
5 OFFER AN AMENDMENT TO THAT WHICH IS BEING BROUGHT TODAY TO
6 INCLUDE IN COORDINATION WITH THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE. SO
7 THAT CAUSES THIS EFFORT TO THEN BE CONSISTENT WITH WHAT WAS
8 ORIGINALLY IN PLACE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES,
9 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE, THEY,
10 THEN, ARE THE COORDINATING ENTITIES. AND THAT IS THE SIMPLE
11 AMENDMENT THAT I WISH TO OFFER.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WE HAVE THAT ITEM. AND THEN IT WAS
14 AMENDED ON THE AGENDA BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. AND NOW
15 AMENDED BY MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS. WE DO HAVE ONE PERSON, TERESIJA
16 SIGMUND, SIGNED UP ON ITEM 16.

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18 **TERESIJA SIGMUND:** ITEM 16, WHAT I WANT TO SAY MENTAL HEALTH
19 THINGS, THAT I THINK A LOT OF THE FUNDS FOR THE MENTAL HEALTH
20 THINGS GO TOWARDS PEOPLE THAT ARE SIMPLY DESPERATE TO PAY
21 THEIR BILLS. I AM IN DEPENDENCY COURT MANY TIMES AND I SEE HOW
22 MANY OF THESE PEOPLE THAT DON'T HAVE MONEY, ARE FORCED-- IN
23 ORDER TO GET THEIR KIDS BACK, THEY'RE FORCED TO GET MENTAL
24 HEALTH SERVICES, BUT THAT'S NOT GOING TO CHANGE THE FACT THAT
25 THEY'RE REALLY JUST POOR. YOU'RE REALLY NOT SUPPOSED TO



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1 DISCRIMINATE AGAINST THE POOR PEOPLE AND PUT THEM INTO THE
2 SYSTEM AND PAY MORE MONEY OUT THAT THEY ALREADY DON'T HAVE,
3 WHICH IS WHY THEY'RE IN THE POSITION TO BEGIN WITH. WHEN I WAS
4 FIVE YEARS, THE BANK MADE A MISTAKE ON MY MORTGAGE STATEMENTS
5 AND IT TOOK FIVE YEARS RESOLVE IT. IN THOSE FIVE YEARS, I
6 SUFFERED FROM SEVERE POVERTY BECAUSE I HAD TO PAY TWICE MY
7 MORTGAGE. IT WAS A BANK ERROR. AND IN THOSE FIVE YEARS I
8 LEARNED WHAT IT REALLY MEANS, HOW DESPERATE YOU GET WHEN YOU
9 CAN'T MEET YOUR BILLS. IT DOESN'T MEAN THOSE PEOPLE ARE
10 MENTALLY ILL. I THINK YOU SHOULD USE SOME OF THE FUNDING TO
11 HELP THEM, TO SUSTAIN THE FAMILY VERSUS JUST MAKING THEM PAY
12 MORE MONEY OUT.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THE ITEM'S BEFORE US AS
15 AMENDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS,
16 OBSERVATIONS, DISCUSSION, ANY OBJECTIONS, SO ORDERED.

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND WITH YOUR PERMISSION, MR. CHAIRMAN,
19 I'D LIKE TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF KEITH JOSEPH BOXIE, BORN
20 NOVEMBER THE 7TH, 1964, AND HE PASSED ON JUST YESTERDAY,
21 JANUARY THE 13TH AT THE AGE OF 49. EMPLOYEE OF THE CITY OF
22 TORRANCE. FATHER, WORKER, SON OF DION-- AND BEVERLY BOXIE,
23 LONG TERM RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD. HE WILL BE
24 MISSED BY FAMILY AND HIS FRIENDS, HIS COWORKERS. AND WE SIMPLY



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1 TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE PASSING OF KEITH
2 JOSEPH BOXIE.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** A COUPLE OF ADJOURNING MOTIONS. I ASK THAT
7 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF PAULETTE WILLIAMS. LONGTIME RESIDENT
8 OF SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, AND BUSINESS LEADER WHO RECENTLY
9 PASSED AWAY. SHE ENJOYED A LIFE-LONG CAREER IN THE FINANCIAL
10 SERVICES INDUSTRY, PRIMARILY IN FURTHERING THE GROWTH AND
11 OPPORTUNITIES OF MINORITY IN SMALL BUSINESSES. WAS A SOUTHERN
12 CALIFORNIA REGIONAL DIRECTOR AT MERRIWETHER AND WILLIAMS.
13 PAULETTE HANDLED THE FIRM'S BOND PROGRAMS FOR VARIOUS LOCAL
14 GOVERNMENT ENTITIES. SHE ALSO WORKED CLOSELY WITH MANY
15 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING THE LOS ANGELES BLACK
16 BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, LINKS, AND SERVED ON THE BOARDS OF THE
17 NEHEMIAH ORGANIZATION IN SACRAMENTO, ALONG WITH ASSISTING
18 VARIOUS OTHER PUBLIC BENEFIT ORGANIZATIONS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY
19 HER TWO DAUGHTERS, DENA SCOTT AND CHRISTINE WILLIAMS, HER
20 MOTHER EVA MERRIWETHER, HER SISTER, INGRID MERRIWEATHER AND
21 OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS. ALSO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN, ALL MEMBERS
22 JOIN ME, IN ADJOURNING IN MEMORY OF ARIEL SHARON, THE FORMER
23 PRIME MINISTER OF ISRAEL.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED. YOU HOLDING ANY ITEMS, MR.
2 YAROSLAVSKY?

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M NOT HOLDING ANYTHING.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** I WOULD ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF NAN
7 BRIGHT SUSSMANN. SHE IS THE MOTHER OF HELEN PARKER, OUR COUNTY
8 COUNSEL. PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY 1ST AT THE AGE OF 92. I'D ASK
9 THAT ALL MEMBERS JOIN ME. NAN WAS A RETIRED LIBRARIAN FROM
10 HEALTH PROTECTION BRANCH OF THE ENTOMOLOGY RESEARCH INSTITUTE
11 AND WORLD WAR LIBRARY OF ENTOMOLOGY IN OTTAWA, ONTARIO,
12 CANADA. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER HELEN, SON JOEL, THREE
13 GRANDCHILDREN AND MANY FRIENDS. SHE WILL BE TRULY MISSED AND
14 OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH HELEN'S FAMILY. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN
15 MEMORY OF A LONG TIME FRIEND MR. NORBERT VINATIERI. LONGTIME
16 RESIDENT OF WHITTIER, PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY 7TH AT THE AGE OF
17 92. BORN IN SOUTH DAKOTA. HAD HIS DEGREE IN METALLURGICAL
18 ENGINEERING IN 1943. COMMISSIONED AS A LIEUTENANT IN THE
19 UNITED STATES NAVY. MOVED TO WHITTIER. IN 1944 MET HIS FUTURE
20 WIFE CATHY. THEY MARRIED IN 1946 AND MOVED TO WHITTIER IN
21 1950. THEY WERE DEVOTED COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN MANY AREAS AND
22 WERE ACTIVE IN MANY GROUPS INCLUDING THE REPUBLICAN PARTY FOR
23 THE SOUTHEAST AREA. TOGETHER THEY HELPED FOUND THE CENTRAL
24 EAST WHITTIER HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, WERE LONGTIME MEMBERS
25 AT PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH. HE WAS VERY INFLUENTIAL IN



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1 HELPING PLAN THE REBUILDING OF WHITTIER AFTER THE 1989
2 EARTHQUAKE. HE LOVED HIS FAMILY VERY MUCH, WAS A VERY DEVOUT
3 MAN OF GOD AND A PERSON COMMITTED TO ALWAYS DOING GOOD FOR THE
4 COMMUNITY AND THOSE AROUND HIM. SURVIVED BY HIS THREE SONS,
5 JOE, GARY, TED, 10 GRANDCHILDREN AND ONE GREAT GRANDCHILD. HE
6 WILL BE TRULY MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM AND LOVED HIM. BUT I
7 KNOW HE WILL BE JOINING HIS LOVING CATHY. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN
8 MEMORY OF MARY ELIZABETH POPE, A LAKEWOOD RESIDENT WHO PASSED
9 AWAY SUDDENLY AT THE VERY YOUNG AGE OF 31. SHE GRADUATED FROM
10 LAKEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL IN 2000. SHE WORKED AT WESTERN POTTERY.
11 SHE HAD A ZEST FOR LIFE, A LAUGH THAT FILLED A ROOM, AND A
12 SMILE THAT LIT UP A ROOM. SHE LOVED TO VACATION WITH HER
13 FAMILY AT THE RIVER, AND TREASURED SPENDING TIME WITH HER TWO
14 CHILDREN WHO WERE THE LOVES OF HER LIFE. SHE SURVIVED BY HER
15 MOTHER THERESA, SONS TRAVIS AND RIVER, TWO SISTERS, A BROTHER.
16 SHE WILL BE TRULY MISSED BY FAMILY, FRIENDS AND ALL WHO KNEW
17 HER. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS. SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR
18 ANTONOVICH?

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CHAIR AND MEMBERS, I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE
21 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING. JESS WILLARD, JR., A
22 COLLEGE CLASSMATE OF MINE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 70,
23 GRADUATED CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY LOS ANGELES WITH HIS
24 DEGREE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE. HE IS ONE OF THE FIRST INDIVIDUALS
25 SELECTED TO BE PART OF THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL



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1 DISTRICT'S SECURITY TEAM AND LATER BECAME L.A. COUNTY DEPUTY
2 TAX COLLECTOR. HE AND HIS WIFE DONATED THEIR TIME TO THE
3 INSTITUTE FOR BLACK PARENTING AND WAS TRANSPORTATION
4 COORDINATOR. HE WAS FOUNDER OF THE OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY
5 AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE CYNTHIA AND HIS TWO BROTHERS
6 AND FOUR CHILDREN. NORBERT FELIX VINATIERI PASSED AWAY ON
7 JANUARY 7TH. HE RECEIVED HIS ENGINEERING DEGREE FROM SOUTH
8 DAKOTA COLLEGE. I SHOULD SAY SOUTH DAKOTA UNIVERSITY AND LATER
9 JOINED THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO WORK FOR THE PROTO TOOL
10 COMPANY AND DUCOMMUN METALS INCORPORATED. ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE
11 AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR METALS. SURVIVED BY HIS THREE SONS.
12 FORMER COUNCILWOMAN KATHY HOWARD, IN WEST COVINA PASSED AWAY
13 ON JANUARY 7TH. SHE WAS A DEDICATED LEADER AND HARD WORKER FOR
14 REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES AND SERVING HER COMMUNITY IN WEST COVINA
15 AND CAUSES IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY FOR MANY, MANY DECADES.
16 SHE RAN THE HEADQUARTERS AND ORGANIZED A VOLUNTEER OPERATION
17 SERVING AS THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S
18 FEDERATED, AND THE 57TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT REPUBLICAN CENTRAL
19 COMMITTEE. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND RAY. CHERIE BENNETT
20 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 85. CHERIE WAS ACTIVE IN MANY
21 ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE CALIFORNIA REPUBLICAN ASSEMBLY,
22 THE NAVY LEAGUE, SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS AND THE
23 JULES STEIN INSTITUTE. SHE AND HER LATE HUSBAND WERE GREAT
24 FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS AND QUITE INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY.
25 SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER SIX CHILDREN. HER BROTHER THEODORE AND



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1 HER SISTER JULIET. DR. CLYDE VINCENT VON DER AHE PASSED AWAY
2 ON JANUARY 4TH. HE WAS A GRADUATE OF ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY OF
3 SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, LATER SERVING IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY
4 DURING WORLD WAR II. HE WAS CHIEF OF STAFF AND A MEMBER OF THE
5 BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT ST. ANNE'S HOSPITAL. VOLUNTEERED FOR
6 OVER 30 YEARS AT L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER. HE IS
7 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE PEGGY AND EIGHT CHILDREN AND SISTER. HIS
8 FAMILY WERE THE FOUNDERS OF VON'S MARKET. SUPERVISOR JON
9 MIKELS OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY WHERE HE SERVED BETWEEN '86 TO
10 2002, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 66. PRIOR TO HIS ELECTION, HE
11 WAS THE MAYOR OF RANCHO CUCAMONGA, LED THE EFFORTS TO DEVELOP
12 THE CALIFORNIA SPEEDWAY AND THE BLOCKBUSTER PAVILION. ALSO HAD
13 SERVED ON THE MEMBERS OF THE S.C.A.G. AND THE SOUTH COAST AIR
14 QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT. CHARLES RICHARD LOVE, LONGTIME
15 RESIDENT OF ANTELOPE VALLEY. WORKED FOR 42 YEARS FOR THE L.A.
16 COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS ROAD MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR, WITH THE L.A.
17 COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT. HE HAD BUILT AND RACED MOTORCYCLES,
18 WAS AN AVID OUTDOORSMAN. BARBARA SUE LARUE, LONG- TIME
19 RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. WORKED FOR REGENCY
20 PUBLICATIONS AND WAS THE ACTIVE MEMBER OF WIVES OF L.A. POLICE
21 OFFICERS' ORGANIZATION. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND RON AND
22 THEIR CHILDREN. DR. STEVEN TONSOR PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF
23 90. HE WAS A COLLEGE PROFESSOR OF MINE. HE GRADUATED FROM THE
24 UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS WITH A DOCTORATE IN HISTORY. SERVED IN
25 THE UNITED STATES ARMY. HE WAS SENIOR VISITING RESEARCH FELLOW



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1 AT STANFORD UNIVERSITY'S HOOVER INSTITUTE WHERE I WAS ONE OF
2 HIS STUDENTS. HE WAS A CONSULTANT TO THE PASADENA COUNCIL OF
3 ACADEMIC ADVISORS. HE WAS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH THE AMERICAN
4 ENTERPRISE INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC POLICY RESEARCH, AND WAS A
5 FORMER EDITOR OF "MODERN AGE." HE WAS A HISTORY PROFESSOR AT
6 THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN FOR 30 YEARS WHERE HE HAD RECEIVED
7 THE DISTINGUISHED TEACHER AWARD AND NAMED PROFESSOR EMERITUS.
8 HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE CAROLINE, FOUR CHILDREN, FIVE
9 BROTHERS AND SISTERS. HE WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE PHILADELPHIA
10 SOCIETY. LEOLA SUDDUTH KENNEDY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 90.
11 SHE WORKED AS A NURSE FOR L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER.
12 MEMBER OF THE LINCOLN AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH. SURVIVED BY HER
13 TWO SISTERS AND HER EIGHT CHILDREN. MARIANNE MILCH OF TEMPLE
14 CITY WAS PRESIDENT OF THE WOMEN'S CLUB AT TEMPLE CITY AND
15 ACTIVE MEMBER OF QUOTA INTERNATIONAL. WAS INVOLVED IN MANY
16 ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE CALIFORNIA FEDERAL WOMEN'S--
17 FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS, THE Y.M.C.A., THE CAMELLIA
18 FESTIVAL AND CARNIVAL AND WAS DIRECTOR OF THE TEMPLE CITY,
19 CITY OF COMMERCE FOR 28 YEARS. JANE MERRICK BECK, SHE WAS A
20 NURSE, RETIRED AT HUNTINGTON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, AN ACTIVE
21 MEMBER OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. WORKED AS A PRESCHOOL
22 TEACHER AND THEN A PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR. MEMBER OF THE DAUGHTERS
23 OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION. SHE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 86.
24 NANCY BARBARA SLAY. FOR 40 YEARS SHE WORKED FOR THE PALMDALE
25 SCHOOL DISTRICT. AND WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AND THE



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1 UNIVERSITY OF LA VERNE. HIRAM BRATTON, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF
2 SAN GABRIEL VALLEY IN THE CITY OF GLENDORA. GRADUATE OF LA
3 VERNE COLLEGE AND WAS AN ENGINEER AT NORTH AMERICAN ROCKWELL.
4 KENNETH BARNETT CUNNINGHAM, JR. OF SANTA CLARITA, HE WAS
5 SERGEANT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY, AND WAS A BUSINESSMAN FOR
6 OVER 40 YEARS. EUGENE "GENE" DOTY, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SANTA
7 CLARITA PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 93. ALSO A WORLD WAR II
8 VETERAN. HAD A CAREER WITH LOCKHEED. ACTIVE MEMBER OF OUR LADY
9 OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH AND COFOUNDER OF NEWHALL TENNIS CLUB.
10 MARIAN KORANDA, SHE WAS A SECRETARY AT COVINA HIGH SCHOOL
11 UNTIL HER RETIREMENT IN '96. PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 85.
12 SERGEANT ERWIN MOLLER, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S
13 DEPARTMENT, RETIRED. AND THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SO ORDERED. DID YOU HOLD
16 ANYTHING?

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YEAH, I DID. I HAVE ONE ITEM.

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK YOU HAD ITEM 30, I THINK. OKAY.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS IS NOT AN ACTION ITEM. THIS IS OUR
23 C.E.O.'S REPORT. AND AS WE ALL KNOW, WE HAVE A SERIOUS JAIL
24 CROWDING ISSUE. WHAT'S INTERESTING, THE LEGAL NEWSPAPER FOR
25 LOS ANGELES, "THE DAILY JOURNAL," I SHOULD SAY, FOR THE STATE



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1 OF CALIFORNIA, MONDAY DECEMBER 30, A MONDAY, THEY DO A
2 HEADLINE: "STATE PRISON OVERCROWDING PROBLEMS HAVE MOVED TO
3 COUNTIES." AS IF IT TOOK A ROCKET SCIENTIST TO FIGURE THAT
4 OUT. SO WE HAVE A VERY SERIOUS PROBLEM. THE STATE HAS SHIFTED
5 THOUSANDS OF PRISONERS TO OUR COUNTY JAILS AND COMPOUNDED THE
6 EARLY RELEASE OF INMATES. THE LEAST THE STATE COULD DO IS
7 GRANT COUNTIES THE SAME CONTRACTING OPTIONS THAT THEY HAVE
8 AVAILABLE TO THEM. OUR COUNTY HAD SUPPORTED S.D.105 WHICH
9 GRANTED THE STATE ADDITIONAL CONTRACTING AUTHORITY WITH
10 PUBLIC/PRIVATE FACILITIES. AND WE NEED THAT SAME TYPE OF
11 EFFORT HERE FROM THE STATE. OUR COUNTY ENTERED A CONTRACT WITH
12 TAFT NOT THAT LONG AGO BUT LOST IT AFTERWARDS BECAUSE THE
13 STATE THEN DECIDED THEY WOULD RATHER HAVE THE TAFT CONTRACT TO
14 MEET THEIR NEEDS. SO WE COULD SPEND APPROXIMATELY \$35 BILLION
15 TO REOPEN JAIL BEDS IN OUR COUNTY, BUT WE HAD CHOSE TO SPEND
16 \$12 BILLION BY GOING TO TAFT, AND THIS WAS A VERY FISCALLY
17 PRUDENT DECISION. SPENDING MORE MEANS LESS CUTS TO VITAL
18 SERVICES WHICH WE MAY BE FORCED TO DO IF WE CAN'T FIND
19 ALTERNATIVE HOUSING FOR THE INCREASED PERCENTAGE OF THOSE WHO
20 SERVED TIME IN JAILS. OUR JAILS ARE OVERCROWDED AND WE DON'T
21 HAVE THE SAME CLASS ACTION LAWSUITS THAT HAVE BEEN BURDENING
22 THE STATE PRISON SYSTEM. WE HAVE ALREADY HAD MANY POTENTIAL
23 SUITS BEING FILED AGAINST THE COUNTIES OF MONTERREY AND
24 RIVERSIDE. SO IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME WHEN THOSE SAME TYPE
25 OF LAWSUITS WOULD HIT L.A. COUNTY. ACCORDING TO RIVERSIDE



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1 COUNTY SHERIFF, THEY HAD RELEASED 7,000 INMATES EARLY IN 2012
2 DUE TO LACK OF BEDS. IN OUR COUNTY BETWEEN 4,000 TO 5,000
3 SENTENCED INMATES ARE BEING RELEASED EARLY. SOME OF THESE
4 OFFENDERS REFERRED TO AS M7S HAVE COMMITTED VERY SERIOUS,
5 VIOLENT CRIMES, BUT ARE SERVING A FRACTION OF THE COURT ORDER:
6 KIDNAPPING, SEX CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN ARE SERVING 20 DAYS
7 OUT OF 123. KIDNAPPING/ROBBERY ARE ONLY SERVING 62 DAYS OUT OF
8 133. MOLESTING CHILDREN ARE SERVING 143 DAYS OUT OF 736 DAYS.
9 RAPE AND SPOUSAL ABUSE ARE SERVING 212 DAYS OUT OF 1,083 DAYS
10 THAT THEY SHOULD BE SERVING. LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS,
11 OFFICERS IN THE FIELD AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS
12 40 OTHER LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN THIS COUNTY SPEND
13 MORE TIME AND RESOURCES INVESTIGATING CRIMES AND PUT THEIR
14 LIVES ON THE LINE EVERY DAY TO MAKE THOSE PROPER ARRESTS. THIS
15 IS NOT A SOUND PUBLIC POLICY AND IS A DISSERVICE TO THE
16 COMMUNITY AND TO THE PEOPLE IN UNIFORM, AS WELL, AS THE
17 PROSECUTORS AND PUBLIC DEFENDERS WHO HAVE TO HANDLE THESE
18 CASES. IF THE A.C.L.U. AND OTHER OFFENDER ADVOCATES COULD HAVE
19 THEIR WAY, WE WOULD INCREASE EARLY RELEASE AND PLACE THOUSANDS
20 MORE INTO THE COMMUNITY. ELECTRONIC MONITORING IS NOT A
21 DETERRENT. OFFENDERS TAMPER WITH THE EQUIPMENT AND CONTINUE
22 COMMITTING CRIMES EVEN WHEN WEARING THEM. PROBATION HAS
23 IDENTIFIED ISSUES WITH THE EQUIPMENT AND MONITORING SERVICES
24 PROVIDED BY THE CURRENT CONTRACTOR. LAST MONTH ALONE, THERE
25 WERE 614 COUNTS AGAINST A.B.109 OFFENDERS UNDER PROBATION



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1 SUPERVISION, 467 FELONY COUNTS, AND 143 MISDEMEANOR COUNTS.
2 SOME OF THESE WERE FOR MURDER, ATTEMPTED MURDER, RAPE BY
3 FORCE, ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON, KIDNAPPING TO COMMIT
4 ROBBERY, FIRST DEGREE ROBBERY, BATTERY ON A POLICE OFFICER,
5 AND THE CONTINUED LIST GOES ON. NOT HOLDING CONVICTED
6 CRIMINALS ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR CRIMES MAKES A MOCKERY OF THE
7 CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. SO THE C.E.O.'S MEMO TELLS US THAT
8 THE STATE EXCLUDED PRIVATE FACILITIES OUT OF THEIR CONCERN
9 THAT IT WOULD UPSET SPECIAL INTERESTS AND OUR PRIORITY OUGHT
10 TO BE PUBLIC SAFETY, THE PUBLIC'S INTEREST. SO IN ACCORDANCE
11 WITH THE C.E.O.'S MEMO, I WOULD MOVE THAT WE DIRECT THE C.E.O.
12 TO SEEK LEGISLATION THAT WOULD ALLOW THOSE COUNTIES THE OPTION
13 AND REPORT BACK TO US IN 30 DAYS.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SECOND THAT. AND THEN WE HAVE SOME
16 FOLKS IN THE PUBLIC SIGN UP ON ITEM 30? JOSEPH MAIZLISH,
17 ARNOLD SACHS, JOHN REES, COME FORWARD.

18

19 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIRMAN KNABE AND
20 SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY. SURE, THE STATE
21 HAS 80 PERCENT AGREEMENT WITH SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. THE STATE
22 HAS DONE NOT A FAVOR TO THE COUNTIES BY MAKING THE COUNTY
23 JAILS KIND OF ADJUNCTS OR OVERFLOW PLACES FOR STATE PRISONERS.
24 THAT'S QUITE TRUE. AND I UNDERSTAND BEING MIFFED AT THE STATE
25 NOT GIVING THE COUNTY THE SAME OPPORTUNITY THAT THE STATE HAS.



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1 HOWEVER, THE STATE HAS GIVEN THE COUNTY SOME TOOLS, LITTLE OR
2 UNUSED BY OUR COUNTY, THAT COULD BE A GREAT HELP. ONE OF THEM
3 YOU KNOW, OUR COUNTY TRAILS ALL OTHERS IN SPLIT SENTENCING,
4 ALL THE OTHER COUNTIES OF THE STATE. AND ALSO, THE BOARD, AS I
5 UNDERSTAND IT, HAS NOT AUTHORIZED THE SHERIFF TO CREATE
6 VARIOUS ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS, KIND OF AN AUTHORITY THAT IT WAS
7 GIVEN ALSO BY THAT A.B.109. MOREOVER, OVER THE YEARS WHEN THE
8 STATE'S PROBLEM WAS DEVELOPING, THE COUNTY WAS COMPLICIT IN A
9 SENSE BECAUSE SOME OF THE COUNTY'S LEGISLATORS I DON'T THINK
10 WERE OPPOSING THE HIGH SENTENCING TREND OF THE LAST 30 YEARS.
11 SO WE BOUGHT SOME OF IT OURSELVES. BUT I DO WANT TO PROCEED
12 THAT THE SENTENCING ITSELF IS PRETTY CONFUSING. WE'RE DEALING
13 WITH A STATE LAW THAT SAYS, AS 1170 OPENS WITH PUNISHMENT IS
14 THE PURPOSE OF INCARCERATION AND IT SHOULD BE PROPORTIONAL TO
15 THE SEVERITY OF THE CRIME. WELL WHAT'S MORE SEVERE? A BURGLARY
16 WHERE NOBODY'S IN A DWELLING OR MANIPULATING MORTGAGES THAT
17 SENDS THOUSANDS OF FAMILIES OUT INTO THE STREETS? I DON'T KNOW
18 HOW TO ANSWER THAT. YOU FOLKS MAY NOT, EITHER. SO THERE'S A
19 LOT OF ARBITRARINESS THERE. THIS MATTER OF SENTENCING IS BEING
20 STUDIED THOUGH. A.B. 1050 SAYS THAT THE BOARD OF STATE AND
21 COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS SHOULD STUDY THE MATTER. I THINK THE
22 COUNTY SHOULD SUPPORT THAT AND EAGERLY LOOK FORWARD TO
23 LEARNING ABOUT THE COMPARATIVE USES OF INCARCERATION AND ITS
24 VALUE COMPARED TO OTHER RESPONSES FOR VARIOUS MATTERS.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS UP.

2

3 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** I'D LIKE TO GIVE A COPY OF MY LETTER TO THE
4 BOARD.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ABSOLUTELY. GIVE US YOUR LETTER FOR THE
7 RECORD. MR. SACHS AND MR. REESE. MARY SINGAUS, IF YOU'D JOIN
8 US, FOLLOWED BY ERIC PREVEN, FOLLOWED BY AAZIM MOHAMMAD. GO
9 AHEAD. WHOEVER IS NEXT. GO AHEAD. TIME'S A-TICKING.

10

11 **JOHN REES:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISOR KNABE. MEMBERS OF THE
12 BOARD. MY NAME IS JOHN REES. I'M HERE REPRESENTING THE
13 ASSOCIATION FOR LOS ANGELES DEPUTY SHERIFFS AND 8,000 DEPUTY
14 SHERIFFS AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY INVESTIGATORS HERE TODAY. I
15 ALSO HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF REPRESENTING PRESIDENT RALPH MILLER
16 OF LOCAL 685 FOR THE PROBATION OFFICERS. WOW, SUPERVISOR
17 ANTONOVICH, I CONGRATULATE YOU FOR VERY SUCCINCTLY LAYING OUT
18 THE PROBLEM AHEAD OF US AND I WOULD LIKE TO PERSONALLY THANK
19 YOUR ASSISTANT, ANNA PEMBEDJIAN, FOR THE DETAILED TIME THAT
20 SHE SPENT ON BRINGING US UP TO SPEED ON WHAT'S GOING ON HERE.
21 TO BE FRANK WITH YOU, I DON'T KNOW ANYONE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT--
22 AND I'VE BEEN IN AND AROUND LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR ALMOST MY
23 ENTIRE CAREER, 24 YEARS WITH A.L.A.D.S.-- I NEVER HEARD OF
24 ANYBODY SAYING IT'S A GOOD IDEA FOR CONVICTED PRISONERS TO BE
25 SERVING ANYTHING LESS THAN THE FULL BOLT OF TIME, PARTICULARLY



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1 WHEN IT COMES TO THE VIOLENT CRIMES, THE TYPE OF WHICH YOU
2 JUST ELUCIDATED THERE, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. THAT HAVING BEEN
3 SAID, WITHOUT A CLEAR EXPLANATION OR UNDERSTANDING OF HOW THIS
4 IS LIKELY TO IMPACT THE MEMBERS OF THE BARGAINING UNITS THAT I
5 HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF REPRESENTING HERE TODAY, IT'S VERY
6 DIFFICULT FOR US, IN FACT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR US, TO ENDORSE
7 THE IDEA OF CONTRACTING OUT WITH OTHER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE
8 FACILITIES. I WOULD LIKE TO ALSO SAY THAT I THINK AT THE TIME
9 OF THE CHANGE THAT'S GOING ON WITH THE NEW SHERIFF THAT YOU'RE
10 GOING TO BE DEALING WITH, THE OPPORTUNITY IS RIPE TO REVISIT
11 SOME OF THE INTERNAL PRACTICES THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS TO
12 SEE IF IT'S POSSIBLE TO HOUSE PEOPLE IN THERE FOR LONGER THAN
13 THEY ARE NOW, PARTICULARLY THE VIOLENT INMATES THERE. SO
14 THEREFORE ON BEHALF OF LOCAL 685 AND A.L.A.D.S., WE URGE THAT
15 YOUR BOARD TAKE NO MOTION ON THIS ACTION AT THIS TIME. THANK
16 YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

19

20 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.
21 FASCINATING, ACTUALLY, TO HEAR THE REPORT. I BELIEVE, THOUGH,
22 THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WAS DOING EARLY RELEASE FROM
23 PRISONERS 2006-2007? SO HOW LONG DID YOU THINK BEFORE-- AND I
24 MEAN, AND YOU MIGHT HAVE READ SOME STORIES WHERE THE STATE'S
25 PRISON POPULATION WAS AT 170 PERCENT, 135 PERCENT, 140 PERCENT



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1 OF CAPACITY. HOW LONG DO YOU THINK BEFORE BASED ON THE FACT
2 THAT THE COUNTY WAS RELEASING PRISONERS EARLY BACK IN 2007,
3 2006, WHICH IS FIVE YEARS BEFORE THE RE-ALIGNMENT PROGRAM WENT
4 INTO EFFECT, THAT IT WOULD AFFECT? AND BY THE WAY THE
5 OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE EARLY RELEASE OF COUNTY PRISONERS
6 IN AND OF ITSELF, HOW MANY HEARINGS DID THE BOARD HAVE ON THAT
7 IN THE INTERIM TIME? NUMEROUS. NO, WAIT, IT WASN'T NUMEROUS.
8 DID YOU HAVE TWO OR THREE OR FOUR HEARINGS? COULD SOMEBODY
9 ANSWER THAT? YOU HAVE SOME DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE
10 SENTENCE ADJUSTMENTS THAT THE PRISONERS ARE DOING DON'T SERVE,
11 SO COULD YOU GIVE US AN IDEA OF HOW MANY HEARINGS YOU HAD ON
12 THE SHERIFF'S EARLY RELEASE OF PRISONERS IN THE INTERIM BEFORE
13 THE RE-ALIGNMENT PROGRAM OCCURRED, JUST OUT OF CURIOSITY? AND
14 THE STATUS OF NEW PRISONS. I MEAN, YOU KNOW, PRISON IS 20
15 YEARS OLD. AND BY THE WAY, SOMEBODY EARLIER MENTIONED THE FACT
16 THAT THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HAD A REPORT THAT MENTIONED 40
17 PERCENT OF THE CITY POPULATION IS LIVING IN POVERTY. INCREASE
18 IN PRISONS? INCREASE IN PRISONERS? A DIRECT RESULT OF THE
19 INCREASE OF PEOPLE LIVING IN POVERTY. BE EXCITED ABOUT THAT
20 PROGRAM.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

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24 **MARY SINGAUS:** I'M MARY SINGAUS AND I'M COMING TO YOU TO
25 REQUEST JUSTICE FOR OUR COMMUNITY. THIS IS A QUOTE FROM



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1 OCTOBER 1ST L.A. TIMES. "LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISORS AND
2 JUDGES HAVE DEMONSTRATED THEIR SHARE OF RESENTMENT ABOUT THE
3 RESPONSIBILITIES OF A.B.109, BUT SO FAR MERELY SHRUG ABOUT THE
4 OPPORTUNITIES. FUNDING FOR COUNTY REHABILITATION, SELECTED
5 PRETRIAL RELEASE, SPLIT SENTENCING THAT THE LAW PROVIDES,
6 LEADERS IN OTHER COUNTIES HAVE USED THESE PAST TWO YEARS WELL.
7 LOS ANGELES COUNTY LEADERS HAVE USED THEM POORLY. " THIS IS
8 EVIDENCED BY YOUR RECENT FAILURE, FAILED PROPOSAL TO OBTAIN
9 S.B.1022 MONIES. NOW THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS STATING
10 THAT YOU WOULD HAVE TO SEEK A CHANGE IN YOUR LAWFUL PROPOSALS.
11 BASICALLY THE LAST SENTENCE OF THAT EDITORIAL SAYS, QUOTE, "IF
12 THIS COUNTY'S GOVERNMENT WERE A CRIMINAL OFFENDER, CORRECTIONS
13 OFFICIALS WOULD SAY IT IS IN NEED OF A SHORT AND SWIFT
14 PUNISHMENT TO GET ITS ATTENTION WITH FOCUS ON REALITY AND
15 CONSIDER ITS CHANGE OPTIONS FOR CHANGE." I'M SUGGESTING YOU
16 USE A.B.109 FUNDS, WHICH ARE IN HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF
17 DOLLARS, ACCORDING TO THE LAW AS IT IS WRITTEN. COMMUNITY
18 ALTERNATIVES AND NOT JAIL EXPANSIONS. BEFORE I RETIRED IN
19 2010, I WAS A PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE COMMUNITY LIAISON WORKING IN
20 S.P.A. 6. AND I SERVED FOR OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTY. THERE
21 ARE MANY RESOURCES OUT THERE. ALL THE PEOPLE IN JAIL ARE NOT
22 CRIMINALS AS SOME OF THAT REPORT SEEMS TO SAY. A BIG PART OF
23 THEM ARE JUST WAITING FOR TRIAL BECAUSE THEY'RE POOR LIKE THE
24 OTHER GENTLEMAN JUST SAID. OTHERS NEED MENTAL HEALTH AND OTHER
25 KINDS OF SERVICES. JAIL IS NOT HELPFUL IN ANY OF THOSE



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1 CIRCUMSTANCES, EXCEPT WHEN SOMEBODY HAS DONE SOMETHING. I'LL
2 JUST STOP THERE.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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6 **ERIC PREVEN:** IT'S ERIC PREVEN THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM
7 DISTRICT 3 EXCEPT FOR WHEN SOMEBODY IS DANGEROUS AND WE NEED
8 TO KEEP THEM BEHIND BARS, EXACTLY. BUT MANY, MANY INDIVIDUALS,
9 MR. YAROSLAVSKY IS ON THE PHONE, HE'S BACK.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES, MR. PREVEN, I WAS ON THE PHONE BECAUSE
12 A NEIGHBORHOOD IN MY DISTRICT'S ON FIRE. IS THAT OKAY WITH
13 YOU? IS THAT OKAY WITH YOU? MAYBE YOU'D LIKE TO MAKE A PUBLIC
14 RECORDS ACT REQUEST ON THAT.

15

16 **ERIC PREVEN:** OF COURSE, SIR, I'M CONCERNED.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JUST GROW UP.

19

20 **ERIC PREVEN:** WHICH NEIGHBORHOOD, SIR? I LIVE IN DISTRICT 3.
21 CAN YOU SHARE IT WITH US? THANK GOD. AND I HOPE THAT
22 EVERYTHING IS OKAY AND THAT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT CAN TAKE A
23 SPEEDY ACTION TO BRING THINGS UNDER CONTROL. THIS IS VERY
24 DANGEROUS TIME AS YOU KNOW IT'S A MAJOR DROUGHT. WE HAVE ALL
25 BEEN ON HIGH ALERT SO THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THAT TO THE



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1 ATTENTION. I DIDN'T REALIZE YOU WERE ON THE CALL. SUPERVISOR
2 MOLINA TOOK A 15-MINUTE CALL DURING HER COUNTY RISK REPORT, SO
3 I GOT NERVOUS.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. PREVEN, YOU ARE NO VIN SCULLY. WE DON'T
6 NEED A REPORTER WHO GIVES US THE PLAY-BY-PLAY HERE. THE TIME
7 THAT'S ALLOTTED FOR YOU FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC
8 TESTIMONY IS TO TESTIFY ABOUT THINGS THAT ARE ON OUR AGENDA.
9 NOT TO CRITIQUE OUR WARDROBE AND CRITIQUE OUR WEIGHT AND NOT
10 TO CRITIQUE OTHER THINGS. SO PLEASE STICK TO IT. YOU KNOW WHAT
11 I'M TALKING ABOUT.

12

13 **ERIC PREVEN:** NO I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT. I COME
14 HERE WITH ITEMS AND I ADDRESS THOSE ITEMS.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JUST STICK WITH IT.

17

18 **ERIC PREVEN:** AND YOU TRIED THE IDEA THAT I'M OFF POINT IN
19 2011. IT DIDN'T WORK, SIR. YOU TRIED SAYING THAT I WAS JUMPING
20 IN FRONT OF OTHER PEOPLE, DIDN'T WORK. WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW IS
21 NEWSPAPERS ALL OVER AMERICA ARE PAYING ATTENTION TO THE LOS
22 ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THEIR ENDLESS
23 VIOLATION OF THE OPEN GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY LAWS. SO WE'LL
24 SEE. YOU KNOW AS YOU USED TO SAY TO ME "LET THE CHIPS FALL
25 WHERE THEY MAY" I'VE GOT ALL YOUR LINES WORKED UP, SIR. BUT



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1 AGAIN YOU'RE RUDE TO ME I ASKED YOU TO COME OFF THE PHONE,
2 BECAUSE I'M HERE TALKING. I COME DOWN HERE ON MY OWN TIME,
3 SIR. I DON'T HAVE WHAT YOU HAVE, A BIG PENSION AND ALL THAT
4 STUFF. I COME DOWN HERE BECAUSE I'M A RESIDENT AND I PAY
5 ATTENTION TO THE BOARD'S AGENDA ON A REGULAR BASIS AS MANY OF
6 YOUR STAFF DO AND SHOULD BE.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** TIME'S UP.

9

10 **ERIC PREVEN:** HOLD ON, HOLD ON. IS THAT IT? FAIR ENOUGH? THAT'S
11 HOW WE ROLL. I DIDN'T TALK ABOUT JAILS. I'LL TALK ABOUT IT ON
12 PUBLIC COMMENT.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AZIM MUHAMMAD? AZIM MUHAMMAD? ARE YOU
15 HERE? THE ITEM IS RECEIVE AND FILE ON ITEM 30. THERE'S NO
16 ACTION INVOLVED. PARDON ME? WE DO HAVE THE REPORT BACK. EXCUSE
17 ME. ITEM 30 AS AMENDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR A REPORT
18 BACK.

19

20 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** AND SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS WOULD
21 LIKE TO BE RECORDED AS A NO VOTE.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE A NO VOTE. OKAY.
24 MOTION IS A REPORT BACK.

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1 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** IT WAS THE C.E.O. TO SEEK
2 LEGISLATION THAT ALLOWED COUNTIES TO--

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE HAD IT. I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU DID
5 WITH IT. IT WAS HANDED OUT.

6

7 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO READ IT
8 AGAIN?

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES.

11

12 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** TO INSTRUCT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
13 OFFICER TO SEEK LEGISLATION THAT ALLOWED COUNTIES TO EXPLORE
14 CONTRACTING WITH PRIVATE FACILITIES TO MEET THE COUNTY'S
15 PUBLIC SAFETY NEEDS AND REPORT BACK IN 45 DAYS.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** REPORT BACK IN 45 DAYS. ONE OBJECTION,
18 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. SO ORDERED. ARE WE PUBLIC COMMENT
19 NOW? OH. WE DID HAVE ONE SPEAKER SIGNED UP FOR, EXCUSE ME,
20 ITEM 18? JULIA SYLVA? IS SHE HERE?

21

22 **JULIA SYLVA:** MY NAME IS JULIA SYLVA. I'M AN ATTORNEY AT PARK
23 AND SYLVA. I HAVE WITH ME MIKE WILLIAMS WHO IS A
24 SUPERINTENDENT OF WHITTIER NARROWS GOLF COURSE. I REPRESENT
25 THE CURRENT OWNER OF WHITTIER NARROWS. IT IS WHITTIER NARROWS



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1 OF V.I.C.O. L.L.C. COMPOSED OF BRIAN WHANG, CHRISTOPHER KIM,
2 JONG SIK CHI, AND YOUNG SOO LEE. I HAVE MET WITH THESE
3 INDIVIDUALS PERSONALLY. THEY LOVE TO GOLF. ALSO, I HAVE
4 LEARNED THAT THE CLIENTELE AT WHITTIER NARROWS IS 70 TO 80
5 PERCENT KOREAN-BASED. AND THEY LIKE TO WORK IN THAT AREA, AND
6 THEY LIKE TO WORK IN THAT ENVIRONMENT. WHAT I'M HERE TO ASK
7 THAT YOU NOT TAKE THE ACTION THAT'S PROPOSED ON THE AGENDA AND
8 THAT, INSTEAD, THE COUNTY BECOME MORE OF A GOOD BUSINESS
9 PARTNER IS WHAT I'M ASKING. I KNOW THAT'S A PRIVATE SECTOR
10 WORD, BUT I THINK THIS IS A PRIVATE SECTOR TYPE OF
11 ENVIRONMENT. WITH THESE CONTRACTING ISSUES. AND THESE
12 INDIVIDUALS HAVE SPENT AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF MONEY INVESTING
13 IN THE GOLF COURSE. AND THEY HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO GET A
14 QUOTE/UNQUOTE BENEFIT OF THEIR BARGAIN. BECAUSE THEY'VE ONLY
15 BEEN THERE SEVEN YEARS. THEIR PREDECESSOR WAS THERE 20 YEARS.
16 YOU'RE NOW PROPOSING A CONTRACT FOR 22 YEARS. AND WE'RE ASKING
17 THAT YOU GIVE THESE INDIVIDUALS AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE TO
18 PROVIDE SERVICE TO THE COUNTY AND TO GET A BENEFIT OF THEIR
19 BARGAIN BECAUSE THEY DID INCUR, LIKE I SAID, A LOT OF DEBT. I
20 DON'T KNOW WHETHER YOU'VE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY OR NOT, BUT IF
21 YOU ATTEND AND INSPECT THE GOLF COURSE, YOU WILL SEE THAT IT
22 IS IN PRISTINE CONDITION. THEY'VE IMPROVED IT TREMENDOUSLY
23 FROM THE TIME THEY TOOK IT ON. AT THIS POINT, I'D LIKE YOU TO
24 CONTINUE THE MATTER UNTIL YOU'VE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE



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1 SOME OF THESE ISSUES. AND ANY EXTENSION OF THE CONTRACT WOULD
2 BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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6 **JULIA SYLVA:** THANK YOU.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IF YOU COULD HAVE COUNSEL ADDRESS THE
9 ISSUES, THERE ARE MANY MULTIPLE ISSUES MAY NOT BE AWARE OF IN
10 REGARD TO THE EXISTING CONTRACTOR. IF COUNSEL CAN ADDRESS THE
11 ISSUE. IT'S BEEN REVIEWED BY AN INDEPENDENT COMMITTEE.
12 COUNSEL'S BEEN INVOLVED ON THE EXISTING CONTRACTOR. THERE ARE
13 MULTIPLE-- I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU CAN OR CAN'T SAY IN REGARDS
14 TO POTENTIAL LITIGATION, BUT PLEASE FEEL FREE TO COMMENT TO
15 HER REQUEST.

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17 **JOHN KRATTLI, COUNSEL:** MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
18 LET ME SUCCINCTLY SAY THAT THE PARKS DEPARTMENT HAS FOLLOWED
19 ALL OF THE REQUIRED PROCEDURES WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED
20 ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY YOUR BOARD TODAY. AND WE HAVE THOROUGHLY
21 REVIEWED THE MATTER AND FIND THAT IT'S ENTIRELY APPROPRIATELY
22 SET BEFORE YOUR BOARD TODAY.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA.
2 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WITH ONE ABSTENTION FROM
3 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, THE ITEM MOVES FORWARD. THANK YOU.

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5 **JULIA SYLVA:** THANK YOU.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** PUBLIC COMMENTS. OSCAR MUHAMMAD, IRENE
8 PANG DENNIS AZEVEDO, ARMANDO HERMAN.

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10 **IRENE PANG:** I'M IRENE PANG. AND I BELIEVE THAT ANY INVENTION
11 AND ANY METHOD THE NEW MEDICINE, THEY HAVE AUTHORITY TO
12 MANUFACTURE AND USING. OTHER PERSON TO TAKE THE ADVANTAGE OR
13 TAKE AWAY OTHERS, THE NEW _____ OR THE NEW METHODS TO
14 MANUFACTURE THOSE ARE AGAINST THE LAW FOR THE COPYRIGHT IS A
15 VIOLATION. SECOND, I BELIEVE THAT OUR COUNTRY IS IN THE 15
16 YEARS, IS ANOTHER SOCIETY PROBLEM AND I BELIEVE IN UNITED
17 STATES GOVERNMENT IS LOOKING THEM THE EXCELLENCE _____, THE
18 PATIENTS, THOSE WORKING, HAVE BEEN WORKING AS THE FRAMERS,
19 UNITED STATES STATURE SITUATION. WHEN THE COUNTRY DEFENDS THE
20 DIFFICULTY. AND I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY, THOSE PERSONS A TRAITOR
21 TO OUR NATION, TO GOVERNMENT. AND I JUST ALSO SAY, THE
22 SITUATION IS THE AT THE NIGHTTIME OR DIFFERENT PLACES IS THE
23 YELLING. THEY REALLY SUFFER OR CHARGING OR VERY DANGEROUS
24 CONDITIONS THE VICTIMS, THE YELLING. THE GOVERNMENT OF UNITED
25 STATES HAS TO STOP THOSE OF THEM YELLING OR THE VICTIMS FROM



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1 THE VIOLATION, AND ALSO FROM THOSE THE GOVERNORS, THE
2 PRACTICE, THE VIOLATORS. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAD TO
3 STOP THOSE GOVERNORS' PRACTICE. NUMBER FOUR, I NEED MY CAR AND
4 MY DRIVER'S LICENSE BACK. WHEN I STOPPED THOSE IN VIOLATION,
5 SOMEONE MAKE THE MISTAKE. THANK YOU.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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9 **OSCAR MUHAMMAD:** MY NAME IS OSCAR MUHAMMAD. I SPEAK FOR THE
10 STRUGGLING POOR. I'D LIKE TO TALK A LITTLE BIT SOCIAL
11 RESPONSIBILITY AND HOW HYPOCRISY OUR NATION OF AMERICA IS.
12 AMERICA IS A NATION OF ATHEISTS. AMERICAN PEOPLE DO NOT
13 BELIEVE IN GOD. AMERICAN CHURCHES, AMERICAN RELIGIOUS HOUSES
14 HAVE TURNED INTO HOUSES OF HATEFUL AND HYPOCRITES ALL OVER
15 AMERICA. DOWNTOWN SKID ROW WHERE BLACK AMERICA LIVES, WE
16 SHOULD CHANGE DOWNTOWN SKID ROW. OUR POLICE FORCE IS NOT
17 ENFORCING THE LOITERING LAWS DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES. BUT LOS
18 ANGELES HAS A RECORD OF BEING THE HOMELESS CAPITAL OF THE
19 UNITED STATES. NO OTHER CITY IN AMERICA HAVE THE HOMELESS
20 PEOPLE, HAVE THE PREJUDICE, SLEEP ON THE SIDEWALK AND DO NOT
21 MOVE. BUT WE ALL MUST RECOGNIZE SUNDAY AS BEING A SEGREGATED
22 DAY IN AMERICA. WHITE PEOPLE ARE IN THE BALLPARK, THE MEXICAN
23 CAR CAN'T START, AND THE BLACK MAN IS IN JAIL FOR FIGHTING
24 SATURDAY NIGHT. BUT THERE'S A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RACE AND
25 RACISM. RACISM IS POLITICAL. RACE IS NOT POLITICAL. BUT SOME



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1 TYPE OF WAY WE HAVE BEEN MISINFORMED AND MISEDUCATED IN
2 AMERICA ABOUT FREEDOM OF SPEECH. I THOUGHT I HEARD ONE TIME
3 FREEDOM OF SPEECH MEAN SPEAK THE TRUTH. IF NOT THE TRUTH, THEN
4 NOT TO SPEAK. FALSEHOOD NOT TO SPEAK. TRUTH GOES ON RECORD.
5 FALSEHOOD DO NOT GO ON RECORD. BUT WE SHOULD TRY TO FIND A WAY
6 TO EDUCATE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO MAKE US BETTER A
7 CONTRIBUTING CITIZEN. I'VE BEEN CONTINUALLY STOPPED BY LOS
8 ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND I DON'T HAVE NO DEFENSE. THEY
9 THREATEN MY LIFE VERY OFTEN. LAW ENFORCEMENT IN CALIFORNIA AND
10 LOS ANGELES THREATEN MY LIFE VERY OFTEN, AND I'M GETTING TIRED
11 OF IT. COULD I GET ANY HELP? PLEASE COULD I GET ANY HELP?

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WHERE DO YOU RESIDE? WE'LL HAVE SOMEBODY
14 FROM ONE OF THE OFFICES--

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16 **OSCAR MUHAMMAD:** ALL OVER. POLICE COME AND HARASS ME EVERY DAY,
17 TRY TO ARREST ME ARREST ME AND BEAT ME UP. TRY TO PUT ME IN
18 JAIL EVERY DAY.

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MAYBE SOMEBODY FROM COUNTY COUNSEL COULD
21 VISIT WITH HIM? COULD SOMEONE TALK TO HIM. THANK YOU. YOUR
22 TIME IS UP. THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. PATRICIA MCPHERSON, ARE YOU
23 STILL HERE? TERESIJA SIGMUND, ARNOLD SACHS? NEXT, GO AHEAD.

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1 **DENNIS AZEVEDO:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DENNIS AZEVEDO, I'M
2 RETIRED L.A.P.D., CURRENTLY A DIRECTOR OF A WATER COMPANY IN
3 WHITTIER. I'D LIKE TO TAKE THIS TIME TO THANK MR. KNABE FOR
4 THE RECREATION CENTER THAT YOU'RE SUPPORTING NEXT TO THE
5 SHERIFF'S ACADEMY OVER AT VALLEY VIEW AND TELEGRAPH. I'M PART
6 OF THAT BECAUSE MY WATER COMPANY'S IN THERE. THANK YOU FOR
7 THAT. DICKIE SIMMONS, WHAT A GREAT GUY, I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY
8 TO WORK WITH HIM AND ANDREA WHO'S HELPED US WITH THAT. MS.
9 MOLINA, I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH YOU ABOUT A YEAR
10 AND A HALF PERSONALLY ON A PROBLEM I HAD WITH THAT WATER
11 COMPANY. AGAIN I WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. YOU
12 WERE GREAT ON THAT. I'M GOING TO LEAVE MY BUSINESS CARD HERE.
13 I'D LOVE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT SOME PROBLEMS THAT ARE HAPPENING
14 IN MAYWOOD. THE MAIN REASON I'M HERE TODAY, WHEN I RETIRED
15 FROM MAYWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT, THE SHERIFFS ABSORBED ABOUT
16 HALF OF THE GUYS. I'VE BEEN KEEPING UP WITH THE ARTICLES AND
17 MR. ANTONOVICH AND MR. YAROSLAVSKY ON THE ARTICLE HERE SAID
18 THAT THEY WANTED TO HEAR MORE ABOUT THAT. AND MR. ANTONOVICH,
19 I HAVE SOME INFORMATION ON A CURRENT CANDIDATE TO BE THE HEAD
20 OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT THAT YOU SHOULD PROBABLY KNOW
21 ABOUT. ONE INDIVIDUAL WAS LET GO FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
22 APPROXIMATELY A YEAR AGO. HE IS NOW AT ANOTHER POLICE
23 DEPARTMENT, KERN COUNTY USING A DIFFERENT NAME. AND MY MAIN
24 CONCERN IS THAT SOMEBODY FROM THE COUNTY GAVE HIM A GOOD
25 RECOMMENDATION. AND THAT'S WHY I'M GOING TO LEAVE MY BUSINESS



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1 CARD IN CASE ANYBODY WANTS INFORMATION ON THAT, I'D LOVE TO
2 SHARE THAT WITH YOU. GOOD LUCK ON PICKING A NEW SHERIFF. AND
3 GOOD LUCK TO YOUR OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. I KNOW THAT YOU GUYS
4 WILL PICK OUT SOME GOOD PEOPLE. TRY TO GET SOME PEOPLE THAT
5 HAVE LAW ENFORCEMENT BACKGROUND AND HAVE A WONDERFUL DAY.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT, WHOEVER WOULD LIKE TO
8 SPEAK?

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10 **ARMANDO HERMAN:** FOR THE RECORD, MY NAME IS ARMANDO HERMAN. AND
11 THE ANNUAL REPORT POINTED OUT THAT 78 PERCENT TRIP, SLIP AND
12 FALLS IN THE COUNTY. WHERE'S THE INTERVENTION OR INNOVATIVE
13 WAY OF THIS COUNTY, ALONG WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, TO
14 LISTEN TO THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT UNDER CASE OF WILITS, VERSUS
15 CITY OF L.A., W-I-L-I-T-S. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT ACCESS. ACCESS
16 TO SAFER SIDEWALKS AND SAFER STREETS. AND SO I'M GOING TO
17 STATE FOR THE RECORD THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 10,750 MILES OF
18 SIDEWALKS IN THE CITY. THE CITY ESTIMATES THAT ROUGHLY 4,600
19 MILES AT 43 PERCENT OF ITS SIDEWALKS ARE IN NEED OF REPAIR.
20 DESIGNED TO CORRECT EVEN THE EXISTING SIDEWALKS AND BARRIERS
21 AMONG ALL THESE ACTIONS FOR THE PAST 80 YEARS. SINCE 1973 YOU
22 HAVE TAKEN NO ACTION. HOW DARE YOU. ASSUMING NO FURTHER
23 DETERIORATION OR DAMAGE FOR MORE THAN 80 YEARS? IN 2005 THE
24 CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT A CUSTOMER CALL TAKES
25 ADDITIONALLY 80 YEARS TO GET A RESPONSE. AND ALL YOU'RE DOING



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1 IS CREATING A PAPER TRAIL. THE COURTS, THE U.S. COURTS ARE
2 GOING TO FIGHT YOU ON THIS CASE ALONG WITH THE CITY OF L.A.
3 AND IT WILL PREVAIL. FOR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WISHES NOT TO
4 HAVE YOU ABUSE, SQUANDER AND CORRUPT THE SYSTEM OF A PATHWAY
5 FOR THE PUBLIC'S ACCESS. THIS DOES NOT ONLY AFFECT PEOPLE WITH
6 MOBILITY ISSUES; IT AFFECTS PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, ELDERLY.
7 AND AS THE GENTLEMAN POINTED OUT EARLIER, YES, I'VE SEEN THE
8 BIASNESS, THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. WHICH
9 YOU MUST TAKE AN ACTION. HOW DARE YOU TAKE PEOPLE OFF OF
10 PUBLIC SIDEWALKS, THROW AWAY THEIR ITEMS, THEIR LIVELIHOOD AND
11 SAY THAT THEY'RE WRONG FOR SITTING ON A SIDEWALK.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, YOUR TIME'S UP. IN ALL DUE
14 RESPECTS, YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK IN PUBLIC
15 COMMENTS, HOWEVER THAT ISSUE IS NOT AN ISSUE. IT'S A CITY OF
16 L.A. ISSUE WHICH IS A DIFFERENT ENTITY ACROSS THE STREET. YOU
17 COULD ATTEND THEIR MEETINGS TODAY. NEXT? AND THEN I'D ASK,
18 EXCUSE ME, I'M SORRY, TERESIJA. I WOULD ASK DAVID SERRANO AND
19 JOHN WALSH TO JOIN US. MR. PREVEN, DID YOU SIGN UP? I DON'T
20 HAVE ANYTHING ON YOU, SO YOU BETTER SIGN UP. GO AHEAD.

21

22 **TERESIJA SIGMUND:** I'M JUST CURIOUS. SOMEBODY SAID THAT THERE'S
23 A FIRE IN THE DISTRICT. DOES ANYBODY KNOW WHERE IT IS AT? IS
24 IT IN BRENTWOOD BY ANY CHANCE, OR YOU DON'T KNOW?

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I HAVEN'T SEEN IT.

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3 **TERESIJA SIGMUND:** I DID SOME AMERICAN GRILLING THIS MORNING. I
4 JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT DIDN'T END UP-- ANYHOW, YEAH, I'M
5 HERE BECAUSE FURTHERMORE THE D.C.F.S. IS NOT TAKING SERIOUSLY
6 OUR RELIGIOUS RIGHTS CLAIMS WHICH SEEMS TO NOT BOTHER YOU,
7 EITHER, THAT I AM EVEN BEING STOPPED OF LETTING MY CHILD KNOW
8 THAT WHEN HE'S BEING GIVEN SHRIMP TO EAT, THAT'S AGAINST OUR
9 RELIGION. YOU DO NOT HAVE THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO STOP ME
10 FROM TEACHING MY CHILDREN WHAT SEVENTH ADVENTISTS DO.
11 FURTHERMORE I HAVE COMPLAINED TO YOU NUMEROUS TIMES THAT MY
12 SON HAS BECOME VERY SEXUAL AND IT'S BEEN IGNORED. I AM BEING
13 PAINTED IN COURT LIKE THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH ME. AT THE
14 SAME TIME, MY SON ONLY YESTERDAY WAS ADMONISHED BY THE
15 MONITOR, SHAQUINA. I WASN'T THERE, IT WAS THE SIBLING VISIT,
16 BECAUSE HE WAS PLAYING WITH HIS BROTHER'S GENITAL PARTS,
17 GENITALS. AND YOU IGNORE THAT? YOU DON'T GIVE IT TO THE COURT.
18 YOU DO NOTHING ABOUT IT. AND LAST WEEK MY SON IN A VISIT WHERE
19 I WAS NOT PRESENT, MY FOUR-YEAR OLD TELLS MY SON WHAT ABOUT
20 KISSING PEOPLE'S PRIVATE PARTS? THIS IS DISGUSTING. MY
21 CHILDREN ARE BEING-- EITHER THERE'S SOMETHING INCESTUAL GOING
22 ON OR SEXUAL EXPLOITATION, BUT MY CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE ARE
23 SO SEXUAL. THE OTHER WEEK WHEN I WAS PRESENT, MY SON TWICE
24 RIPPED MY SHIRT DOWN. THAT IS NOT WHAT NORMAL CHILDREN DO. I
25 AM BEING IGNORED. AND ACTUALLY I'M BEING PUNISHED FOR SPEAKING



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1 UP HERE. I'M BEING TOLD FOR SPEAKING UP HERE IT'S GOING TO
2 DAMAGE MY CASE. YOU ON THE OTHER HAND DO NOTHING TO PROTECT MY
3 CHILDREN, NOTHING TO PROTECT ME. ALSO OUR SIBLING VISITS THAT
4 WERE SUPPOSED TO BE A BIRTHDAY PARTY WAS SHORT CUT DESPITE
5 COURT ORDER TO BE TWO HOURS TO ONE HOUR. ALL THREE CHILDREN
6 WERE DEVASTATED AND TRAUMATIZED. IT DOESN'T SEEM TO FAZE YOU A
7 BIT.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

10

11 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.
12 AND IT'S VERY COMFORTING TO HEAR THAT SUPERVISORS ACTUALLY
13 READ SOME NEWSPAPERS. SUPERVISOR MOLINA QUOTED A STORY AND
14 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH QUOTED A STORY. SHE MENTIONED THE NEW
15 YORK TIMES AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH MENTIONED THE L.A. TIMES.
16 SO HERE'S AN L.A. TIMES STORY. MADOFF CASE. THIS IS FROM
17 JANUARY 8TH. MADOFF CASE TO COST J.P. MORGAN \$2.6 BILLION.
18 PART OF THE STORY MENTIONS MADOFF CLAIMED TO BE, ONE ANALYST
19 WROTE THAT THE NUMBERS DON'T ADD UP. THE FINANCIAL GIANT
20 WARNED BRITISH AUTHORITIES THAT MADOFF RETURNS APPEARED TOO
21 GOOD TO BE TRUE MEANING THAT IT PROBABLY IS. THE REASON I
22 BRING THIS UP IS BECAUSE BACK TO METRO. MEASURE R IS GOING TO
23 BE \$40 BILLION. YET YOUR FINANCE, BUDGET AND AUDIT REPORTS
24 STATE THAT HERE'S 2010. PROP A AND PROP C BOTH COLLECTED ABOUT
25 \$565 MILLION. HOW DO YOU GET TO \$1.3 BILLION? YOUR NUMBERS



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1 DON'T ADD UP. FOR MADOFF, THAT INVESTIGATION, IT WORKS. NOBODY
2 WANTS TO LOOK INTO METRO. AND WHY IS THAT? AND THEN SUPERVISOR
3 YAROSLAVSKY, IN HIS OUTBURST MENTIONED THE TIME ALLOCATED TO
4 THE PUBLIC TO COME UP TO SPEED. HOW WAS THAT CHANGED? LET'S
5 TALK ABOUT THAT FOR A SECOND, THE TIME ALLOCATED. BECAUSE YOU
6 USED TO COME HERE. YOU USED TO GET THREE MINUTES. YOU USED TO
7 BE ABLE TO SIGN UP FOR NUMEROUS ITEMS. NOW YOU BARELY GET
8 THREE MINUTES TO SIGN UP FOR ALL THE ITEMS. HOW HAS THAT
9 CHANGED? OH, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS IN HIS STORY MENTIONED
10 DEMOCRACY MATTERS ALL DAY LONG. HE WAS TALKING ABOUT SCHOOL
11 BOARD ELECTION. HE ACTUALLY SAID THAT? HE CHANGED THE TIME
12 WITHOUT HAVING A HEARING. THAT STINKS. HE STINKS. THAT'S
13 TERRIBLE. SOMEBODY SHOULD DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT. ALLOCATING
14 TIME TO THE PUBLIC.

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16 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH VERSUS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, NO, NO.
17 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS VERSUS JUSTIN BIEBER. NOW, THE
18 SHERIFFS CLAIMED THEY HAD A COMPLAINT WHICH THEY LISTED ON
19 THEIR ORIGINAL COMPLAINT FORM, INITIAL COMPLAINT FORM AS A
20 MISDEMEANOR. THEY THEN BUMPED IT UP TO A FELONY, THROWING
21 EGGS? FELONY? THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS' WORTH OF DAMAGE TO HIS
22 NEIGHBOR? THAT'S NONSENSE. THEY WENT IN THERE, WERE ASKING THE
23 A.C.L.U. TO INVESTIGATE. THEY WENT IN THERE, AND DON'T GIVE A
24 DIME TO THE A.C.L.U. CELEBRITIES UNTIL THEY INVESTIGATE IT.
25 THEY WENT IN THERE LOOKING FOR NARCOTICS. 25 OFFICERS SHOWED



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1 UP. THEY IMPRISONED JUSTIN BIEBER AND HIS PEOPLE. THEY
2 RANSACKED THE HOUSE. AND WHAT DID THEY FIND? SOME TRACE OF
3 MARIJUANA. AND NOW JUSTIN BIEBER'S FRIEND AND MAYBE JUSTIN
4 BIEBER ARE UNDER SUSPICION AND HE MAY BE ARRESTED AT ANY TIME.
5 YOU THINK YOU'RE GOD ALMIGHTY. YOU THINK THAT JUSTIN BIEBER'S
6 GOING TO GET DOWN ON HIS KNEES IN FRONT OF YOU.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** JOHN, THERE IS NO NEED TO YELL. WE CAN
9 HEAR YOU.

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11 **JOHN WALSH:** DON KNABE IS HECKLING ME. YOU CAN GET AWAY WITH
12 THAT BECAUSE I'M NOT A TEENAGE MILLIONAIRE. BUT WHEN YOU TRY
13 TO ARREST AND INTIMIDATE JUSTIN BIEBER AND WHY DID THE
14 SHERIFFS COME TO HIS HOUSE? FOR AN EGG SEARCH. BECAUSE THEY
15 CLAIM HE THREW, WHAT? 100,000 EGGS AT HIS NEIGHBOR? I'M
16 TELLING YOU RIGHT NOW, YOU'RE IN TROUBLE. YOU BETTER DROP THE
17 JUSTIN BIEBER CHARGES BECAUSE IT GOES ON MY WEBSITE AND IT
18 GOES TO THE ENTIRE WORLD. AND YOU BETTER HAVE A GOOD REASON
19 WHY YOU'RE GOING AFTER JUSTIN BIEBER BECAUSE
20 HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG AND THE A.C.L.U. ARE GOING AFTER YOUR
21 ASS. HOLLYWOOD HIGHLAND.ORG.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. JUST BARELY HEARD YOU. YES,
24 SIR, NEXT?

25



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1 **DAVID SERRANO:** REALITY IS JESUS IS GOD, AMEN. LORD GOD
2 ALMIGHTY, JESUS CHRIST CREATED HEAVEN AND THE UNIVERSE, AMEN.
3 THIS INFORMATION IS ACCURATE INFORMATION. ISLAM IS FROM SAUDI
4 ARABIA. SHARIA LAW IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL. IN SAUDI ARABIA AND
5 YEMEN, THERE'S NOT A MINIMUM AGE FOR MARRIAGE BECAUSE IT IS
6 AGAINST SHARIA LAW TO HAVE A MINIMUM AGE IN MARRIAGE. SHARIA
7 LAW ALLOWS MUSLIM MEN TO MARRY A FEMALE OF ANY AGE. SHARIA LAW
8 ALLOWS A 40-YEAR-OLD MAN TO MARRY A FIVE-YEAR-OLD CHILD BRIDE.
9 THE MUSLIM MOHAMMAD MARRIED AISHA WHEN SHE WAS EITHER SIX OR
10 SEVEN YEARS OF AGE. AND MUHAMMAD CERTAINLY PRACTICED FAYIN
11 [PH?] ON AISHA AND WHEN MUHAMMAD'S CHILD BRIDE AISHA WAS NINE
12 YEARS OF AGE, MUHAMMAD CERTAINLY HAD INTERCOURSE WITH HIS
13 NINE-YEAR-OLD CHILD BRIDE.

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15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE DON'T NEED ALL THAT GRUESOME DETAIL.
16 YOU WANT TO TALK, TALK.

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18 **DAVID SERRANO:** THE LAW OF THE MUSLIM MOHAMMAD IS SATAN THE
19 SERPENT. ALLAH IS SATAN. ALL MUSLIMS DIE AND BURN IN THE FIRE
20 OF HADES, AND THAT'S REALITY. THAT'S TRUTH.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S ENOUGH. THANK YOU. YOU'RE OUT OF
23 ORDER.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** HE JUST VIOLATED OUR POLICY, SO HE NEEDS TO BE
2 BARRED.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, THANK YOU.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** HASTA LUEGO. HASTA LUEGO. I REALLY DO THINK SO.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I AGREE. WE'LL CHECK WITH COUNTY COUNSEL
9 AND MAYBE HE CAN-- HIS FINGERS CAN WORK FASTER NEXT TIME.

10 THANK YOU. MR. PREVEN, I THINK YOU DID SIGN UP FINALLY? THANK
11 YOU.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU NEED TO BAR HIM. WHEN HE SPEAKS NEXT TIME,
14 YOU GOT TO CUT HIM OUT. IF YOU DON'T DO IT, JOHN, WE'RE ALL
15 GOING TO WALK OUT OF THE ROOM, OKAY?

16

17 **ERIC PREVEN:** IT'S VERY RARE. IT'S MR. PREVEN, THE COUNTY
18 RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT THREE. IT'S A VERY RARE DAY WHEN THE
19 PREFERENCE IS FOR MR. PREVEN IN PUBLIC COMMENT. I WILL URGE
20 YOU, SUPERVISOR MOLINA. I KNOW YOU'RE PASSIONATE ABOUT THIS,
21 AND YOU'RE NOT WRONG IF THOSE REMARKS ARE OFFENSIVE. BUT THEY
22 ARE PROTECTED. THAT'S WHY WE SHOULD JUST GRIN AND BEAR IT.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** OH STOP. YOU'RE AN IDIOT.

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1 **ERIC PREVEN:** WELL, WHY NOT TAKE A PHONE CALL DURING IT IF YOU
2 WANT? THAT WORKS, IF YOU DON'T WANT TO HEAR ME. HEY, NO
3 LAUGHING AT YOUR SUPERVISOR, SIR. LET ME GET BACK. I WANT TO
4 STAY ON POINT. I WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE PRISON ISSUE.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU'RE AN IDIOT. LA LA LA LA LA LA.

7

8 **ERIC PREVEN:** EARLIER, WHEN YOU GUYS GOT INTO IT, MR.
9 YAROSLAVSKY HAD A LITTLE BREAK WITH REALITY THERE AND STARTED
10 TO ENGAGE ME IN AN INSULT FEST WHICH IS TOTALLY INAPPROPRIATE
11 GIVEN HIS ROLE. WHAT I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT HOW GOVERNOR BROWN
12 IS FACING IN OUR PRISON STORY. OBVIOUSLY HE WOULD LIKE A DELAY
13 AT RELEASING THESE FOLKS AND MAYOR ANTONOVICH WOULD LIKE A
14 DELAY AT RELEASING THESE FOLKS, BUT THE MONEY THAT'S AT STAKE
15 IS LIKE \$300 MILLION AND THEN \$90 MILLION. 300 MILLION WILL GO
16 COVER THE COST OF SENDING PRISONERS OUT OF STATE. 90 MILLION
17 OR 80 MILLION OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT WILL GO TO REHAB. IF WE
18 AUGMENT, IF WE LET THEM OUT EARLIER, IF L.A. COUNTY STEPS UP
19 AND PROVIDES THE STUFF WE HAVE NOT BEEN PROVIDING, IMPROVES
20 OUR SPLIT SENTENCING NUMBERS, GETS PRETRIAL PEOPLE OUT THE
21 DOOR QUICKLY, WE WILL IN FACT GET MORE REHABILITATION MONEY,
22 AS SUPERVISOR MOLINA WILL CONFIRM WHEN SHE FINISHES INSULTING
23 ME BY PUTTING MY NOTES IN THE TRASH. SO THAT'S MY POINT ON THE
24 JAIL ISSUE. NOW I GOT 35 SECONDS TO SAY PUBLIC IS OUTRAGED
25 THAT V.I.C.O., THIS GROUP WHO APPARENTLY RUNS WHITTIER NARROWS



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1 ARE IN A LAWSUIT AND YET THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PUSHES
2 THROUGH THIS ITEM KNOWING THAT THERE'S A LAWSUIT UNDERWAY
3 WITHOUT TELLING THE PUBLIC? WHAT KIND OF NONSENSE IS THAT? AND
4 ON DECEMBER 17TH, 63-E, YOU GAVE AWAY THE STORE TO GOLDMAN
5 SACHS STARWOOD CAPITAL. WAS THAT WITH OUR EYES WIDE OPEN OR
6 ARE WE DOING THAT JUST OVER TO THE SIDE. I ASKED YOUR COUNTY
7 COUNSEL TO PROVIDE THE CONSENT THAT'S APPROPRIATE AND
8 REQUIRED. NO PLACE, SIR, DOES IT EXIST, AND THAT'S FIVE
9 SECONDS LEFT. SO LET'S THINK ABOUT IT TOGETHER AS A GROUP.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

12

13 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT
14 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF
15 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NO.
16 C.S.-1, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT, INTERVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF
17 CANDIDATES FOR APPOINTMENT TO SERVE IN THE POSITION OF SHERIFF
18 UPON ITS VACANCY, ITEM NO. C.S.-2, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE
19 EVALUATIONS, ITEM NO. C.S.-3, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
20 WILLIAM T FUJIOKA AND DESIGNATED STAFF. ITEM NO. C.S.-4,
21 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR WILLIAM T FUJIOKA AND
22 ITEM NO. C.S.-5, CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR
23 RICHARD VOLPERT, DAWN MCDIVITT, MICHELLE CERVERA, WILLIAM T
24 FUJIOKA AND CECELIA ESTOLANO AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AND
25 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDAS. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE NEXT REGULAR



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1 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY,
2 JANUARY 21ST, 2014 AT 1 P.M. THANK YOU.

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1 **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION JANUARY 14, 2014**

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5 There was no reportable action taken on items CS-1, CS-3, CS-4
6 nor CS-5.

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8 In closed session item CS-2 was continued two weeks to January
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2 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in and for the State of California, do
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